



NCCAOM Announcement to PDA Providers

June 10, 2020

Dear NCCAOM PDA Provider,

The NCCAOM and the PDA Department understand the difficult situation we are facing right now: the COVID—19 pandemic and the ongoing scourge of systemic racism. The NCCAOM has joined in the worldwide outpouring of grief and anger in the wake of George Floyd’s murder at the hands of the Minneapolis Police.

NCCAOM is very clear in its response to these protests: We stand in solidarity with protestors across the United States as they speak out against police brutality and stand up for lost Lives.

Like so many witnesses around the world, we grieve for George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many others who came before them. As we watch these events unfold across the United States and tear apart the communities and neighborhoods where we live, we acknowledge a shared and profound sense of loss and pain.

COVID-19 Update

To address ongoing concerns regarding practicing within the current pandemic, the NCCAOM Board of Commissioners created an NCCAOM® COVID-19 Safety Statement. Providers, please read carefully and note what can and cannot be included in a PDA approved course regarding treating COVID-19.

NCCAOM® COVID-19 Safety Statement

With our core mission to assure the safety and well-being of the public during the global Coronavirus pandemic, the NCCAOM is **not approving any PDA course(s) that are intended to address directly treating COVID-19, nor can NCCAOM endorse any such treatment protocols that may be discussed in the community. NCCAOM PDA providers may reference differential diagnosis and protocols for these diagnoses commonly used within the profession. Courses may reference new research but must have disclaimers noting there is no “proven” treatments for COVID-19.**

The NCCAOM is emphasizing at this time that our NCCAOM National Board-Certified Acupuncturists comply with guidelines set forth by local public health and government authorities with regard to re-opening orders. As states entering different phases of re-opening per local and state decree,



practitioners should also comply with the [CCAOM Clinic Infection Control Advisory](#) which is in compliance with the [CDC's guidelines to prevent transmission of the virus](#).

Online PDA Certificate Distribution

The NCCAOM PDA Online Management System has moved into the third and final phase! In September 2019, Phase Two was initiated bringing the *NCCAOM® PDA Certificate of Completion* to an online distribution system. Beginning in May 2020, the third phase of the project began where **the old version of the PDF certificate was retired and is no longer accepted for recertification credit.** The PDA provider now distributes the new PDA Certificate to participants via their online account within two weeks of the course completion. **If you have an approved course and have not created a PDA Certificate Template, please email PDA@thenccaom.org.** We will be happy to help!

Exciting news about Phase Three! The goal of phase three is to have PDA points that are distributed by the Provider automatically be reported to the Diplomate's *NCCAOM® Recertification Transcript*. This means that the Diplomate will no longer have to report the PDA course manually. The new CE Banking system is being implemented incrementally to Providers with approved courses and is planned to be completed by the end of this year. The new process has saved valuable time for Providers and PDA staff as well as increasing customer satisfaction.

NCCAOM® PDA Course Spotlight

To assist PDA Providers during this unprecedented time, NCCAOM will begin offering a 20% discount for promoting an approved course in the *NCCAOM® PDA Course Spotlight*. The price will be reduced to \$400 per course, per posting. This offer will begin in the June issue and run through December 31, 2020. The Spotlight is a great way to market your course to over 18,000 NCCAOM Diplomates!

PDA Toolkit

Coming soon! If you have ideas for items you would like included in the PDA Toolkit, please email PDA@thenccaom.org.

Interested in returning as a PDA Provider?



Email pda@thenccaom.org for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mina M. Larson'.

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