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### **Definitions**

**1** In this regulation:

“**Act**” means the *Health Professions Act*;

“**compound**” means, with respect to a therapeutic diet, to mix 2 or more appropriate ingredients;

“**design**” includes determining

- (a) the appropriate ingredients of a therapeutic diet and the volume and proportion of those ingredients, and
- (b) the method and frequency of delivering the ingredients of a therapeutic diet;

“**dietetics**” means the health profession in which a person provides the following services:

- (a) assessing, maintaining, restoring and promoting health as it relates to nutrition;
- (b) planning, implementing and evaluating nutrition interventions;
- (c) providing information and counselling with respect to nutrition;

“**dispense**” means to fill a prescription for nutrition that is to be administered orally or by enteral instillation or parenteral instillation;

“**drug**” means a drug specified in Schedule I or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation;

“**enteral instillation**” means instillation directly into the gastrointestinal tract;

“**nutrition intervention**” includes the delivery of nutrition by the following means:

- (a) orally;
- (b) enteral instillation;
- (c) parenteral instillation;

“**parenteral instillation**” means instillation directly into the blood stream;

“**registrant**” means a registrant who is authorized under the bylaws to practise dietetics;

“**substance**” includes air and water but excludes a drug specified in Schedule I, IA or II of the Drug Schedules Regulation;

“**therapeutic diet**” means a diet that

- (a) includes drugs, substances or both, and
- (b) is designed for the purpose of preventing or treating a disease, disorder or condition that may be significantly affected by nutrition.

[en. B.C. Reg. 267/2024, Sch. 1, s. 1.]

#### College name

- 2** The name of the college responsible for carrying out the objects of the Act in respect of dietetics is “College of Health and Care Professionals of British Columbia”.

[en. B.C. Reg. 32/2024, Sch. 1, s. 1.]

#### Reserved title

- 3** The title “dietitian” is reserved for exclusive use by registrants.

#### Scope of practice

- 4** A registrant may practise dietetics.

#### Restricted and provisional registrant classes

- 4.1** The college is authorized to establish, under section 19 (1) (i) of the Act, a class of

- (a) restricted registrants for the purposes of section 20 (4.2) of the Act, and
- (b) provisional registrants for the purposes of section 20 (4.3) of the Act.

[en. B.C. Reg. 32/2024, Sch. 1, s. 2.]

#### Restricted activities

- 5** A registrant in the course of practising dietetics may do any of the following:

- (a) design, compound, dispense and administer a therapeutic diet, if nutrition is administered by enteral instillation;
- (b) design a therapeutic diet, if nutrition is administered by parenteral instillation.

[en. B.C. Reg. 267/2024, Sch. 1, s. 1.]

#### Limits or conditions on services

- 6** (1) No registrant may insert a feeding tube.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a registrant who
- (a) is acting under delegated authority of a medical practitioner, and
  - (b) is acting in accordance with standards developed for the purposes of paragraph (a) and approved by the board and approved by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.

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**Restricted activities limited to registrants**

- 6.1** Only a registrant may provide a service that includes the performance of an activity set out in section 5 or 6 (1).

[en. B.C. Reg. 267/2024, Sch. 1, s. 2.]

**Patient relations program**

- 7** The college is designated for the purposes of section 16 (2) (f) of the Act.

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