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## PRESIDENT'S AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Members,

First, let me start by thanking both **Eileen Casama and Elena Chan** for their hard work in service on the CTABC Board and we will miss them both at our meetings. Next, I need to announce and ask you all to welcome two new board members – **Neelam Bhatoe** is our new recording secretary & **Sukh Khangura** is our new Education Director.

As you know, the 2013 AGM was in Kelowna where we had a good turn out from as far away as Vancouver Island and Prince George. Thank you to those CTABC members who stepped up to the plate and helped to host the AGM and Educational day – the speakers were excellent and kept us all actively involved either emotionally or from an educational point.

Over the summer your board of directors have earned some time off with our next meeting scheduled for September – all except our new education director as he has to process the exam candidates for the September exam.

As you know, the provincial election came and went and had the NDP come in we might have been celebrating the formation of a legislative college. However, we certainly have not given up hope. We have been targeting and will continue to target various key members of both the BC Liberal and NDP and we have gained positive allied from both sides. If any of our members want to assist and go and talk to their MLA we have a training process to help you! Just email myself [president@ctabc.ca](mailto:president@ctabc.ca) for further information.

In June I attended the CSCT Board of Director's meeting in Halifax. Highlights from the meeting include:

- The CSCT website has had all funding approved and currently is just finishing the contract and it will be started with the hope of it being online for the 2014 registration!
- The NOCP update has been continuing. Next will be the survey which will be open to all Cardiologists and Internists. We would ask you to talk to them and ask if they are willing to participate in the survey – and simply forward their response to myself – even if they decline. Either way we need to have a list of names of those doctors who were asked as this is part of the CMA approval process – doctors are a stakeholder in this and they are required to have input. Please forward the names and email address to myself as provincial director to [provincial@ctabc.ca](mailto:provincial@ctabc.ca)



- CCC - If you have not already done so, please look to put in for your educational leave and look to attend the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in Montreal this year – for more specific details see the website at <http://www.cardiocongress.org/> - note the EARLIER dates this year – **October 17-20.**



- A CSCT hosted dinner at the CCC this year!

- If this year does not work – look at 2014 which will be in Vancouver – dates still to come!

Thank you again for all your support of your board of directors. Should have any concerns, comments or questions please know that you can always contact us.

Respectfully submitted,

**Shauna Ryall**

**CTABC President & Provincial Representative**

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## NEWS FROM HILL & KNOWLTON: OUR COALITION STRATEGY COMPANY

You may recall that our association is actively seeking a self-regulating College for our profession in conjunction with other allied health professions. We need to develop political will to move forward, which means that we need to raise awareness of who we are and why we are seeking self-regulation with provincial politicians.

After July 25, we hope to have members ready to hit the ground running to meet their local MLAs to discuss this issue. With all MLAs back in their constituencies for the rest of summer, this is an excellent opportunity to meet with them, share your message, and build a caucus of champions to advocate on our behalf with the Health Minister.

We have engaged consultants who are ready and willing to provide a member with support if you would like to meet your local MLA. Here is an outline of the support we will be providing to people prior each MLA meeting:

Preparatory information (how-to instructions to get the meeting, bio of politician, key message sheet, feedback form)

- Meeting materials (PowerPoint, briefing note)
- Coaching session (telephone call with each member to give tips for meeting)

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## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Summer is here and as many of us are taking time away from work to be with our family and friends, there are still several issues regarding our association which remain at the forefront.

- Many of us are currently dealing with the transition to the 37.5 hour work week and how that will or will not affect our daily/weekly routine. I know some departments will be dealing with significant changes to schedules and staffing levels. As we move closer to the Sept 1 transition date, it's important for us to make sure to communicate any issues with the process or result with your manager and/or union representative.
- The pilot project involving the use of LPNs to perform acute ECGs at a FHA site is ongoing. We'll be keeping a constant eye on the progress of this project as it moves forward as the potential effects could be immense.
- Our ongoing quest for a Regulatory College remains one of our most important endeavours. As the new provincial government takes shape and begins their work, we should be able to get a solid idea as to how much traction we've gotten. As a Board, we're cautiously confident that this is the time.

Regards,

**Sean Freeze**  
**Vice President**

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear members,

I have submitted 2012 financial report and 2013 up to date financial summary at AGM. Members who did not attend the meeting can read the report at CTABC website. Please email me if you have any questions regarding the report.

I would also like to thank Stenberg College who sponsored the breakfast and donated door prizes and LifeLabs who sponsored lunch at the AGM.

The BOD meeting will resume in September and I'd like to wish everyone has a great summer.

Sincerely,

**Jiannan**  
**CTABC Treasurer**

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## COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dear Members

This year's AGM was a blast; many thanks to all those who attended and helped make this day happen.

This summer I will continue to look for members to join our PR committee. I will also continue to work on building our Facebook page. I would like to invite anyone who may be interested in Public Relations to contact us to help build our presence on Twitter and Facebook.

Once again thank you for putting your trust in me to serve as your Communication's Director. It has been a year since I've transitioned into this position and it would not have been possible with the support and help of the board.

I wish you all a safe and wonderful summer.

Kindest Regards,

**Tay-Jann Mark**  
**Communication's Director**

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## REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Dear Members

A good time was had by those members who attended our 2013 AGM & Education Day in Kelowna. Their auditorium is state of art! We also were given a tour of the hospital expansion and were impressed although they were not moved into all of the new areas yet and there is still another tower to be built. We plan to return there again in the next few years to see all what Kelowna's cardiac center has become.

Currently, the total number of members on the current registry now is 607; we have 457 Active members, 38 Inactive members, 4 Life and 108 student members. Congratulations to those who passed the April CSCT Certification exam and I hope all of you are already busy working as casuals. The CTABC Board of Directors (BOD) does not hold meetings during July and August but do check our e-mails periodically as some business still needs to occur. Hope you are enjoying our nice summer weather!

Respectfully submitted,

**Cheryl West**  
**CTABC Registrar**

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## EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Dear Members

I would like to thank all of the CTABC board members for welcoming me into my new position as the CTABC education coordinator. It is a wonderful opportunity for me and I look forward to making positive contributions along the way. I would also like to thank Eileen Casama for all her help while I get accustomed to the new position.

I have been working as a cardiology technologist at Vancouver General Hospital for the last few years. Recently, I completed the Pacemaker Technology program from BCIT and have been working part-time as a pacemaker technician at VGH as well.

I have received applications from many students to write the CSCT exam in September 2013. I would like to wish them the best of luck in their studies. For students planning to write the exam in April 2014, the deadline will be February 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. Other information regarding the exam can be found at [www.csct.ca](http://www.csct.ca)

Recently, the CSCT has notified the CMA Conjoint Accreditation Services that a revision of the National Occupational Competency Profile (NOCP) is currently underway. The NOCP identifies the complete range of tasks, responsibilities, related knowledge and skills for a Cardiology Technologist. These competencies establish the basis for the Certification Examination of the CSCT. They also define the required learning outcomes of accredited cardiology technology educational programs. Our members have participated in surveys that have enabled the CSCT to define the scope of practice and approved cardiology technology to be a distinct speciality. The CMA has required physicians to be a part of this process, therefore, in the fall the members of the board will be speaking with physicians to take part in additional surveys.

*I will need volunteers to assist me during the exam sessions.  
If anyone is willing to help please contact me.*

Have a great summer.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sukhdeep Khangura**  
Education Coordinator

## CEU COORDINATOR'S REPORT

.Hello Fellow Members,

It has been an exciting few months! Our AGM was a success in Kelowna this year. It was nice to meet everyone and be able to have our AGM in such a beautiful city. I also had the privilege of attending a PEC and CSCT BOD meeting in Halifax this June, filling in for our Provincial Education Coordinator, and learned so much during the process. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes of our association!

CEUs continue to trickle in. If you have submitted your CEUs or documentation recently, they have been updated on the CEU spreadsheet but have not been posted to the website yet. We will soon post the latest totals reflecting CEUs that have been coming in over the past few months. I would like to take the time to welcome and congratulate our new Recording Secretary Neelam, and our new PEC Sukh! I know they will be a great asset to our BOD. We appreciate the contributions of Eileen and Elena and they will be greatly missed.

I would like to wish everyone a great summer!

Respectfully submitted,

**Jennifer Paul, RCT**  
**CEU Coordinator**

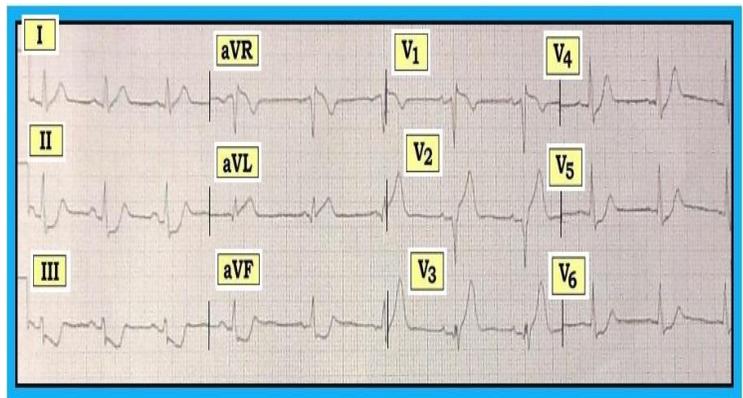
## DEWINTER T WAVES

**Educational Article submitted by Life Member Rich Payne.**

In Emergency 4 days ago, I was discussing an ECG with one of our Internists. The discussion was about early repolarization, Wellen's syndrome, hyper acute T waves and hyperkalemia T waves associated with early repolarization.

I then proceeded to do another ECG and then returned to our conversation. In the meantime, the internist had done some more research and then said to me "how about DeWinter T waves"? I thought he was kidding me until he showed it to me on the computer.

I had never heard of this. Have you?



## “de Winter” ST/T-wave complexes



DeWinter T waves are indicative of an acute proximal LAD occlusion. It is best described as J point depression with up sloping ST segment depression terminating in a tall T wave, in the anterior leads. Very similar to hyper acute T waves.

When I searched this on the net under DeWinter T waves, two names that I am familiar with appeared, Dr. K. Grauer and Dr. Amal Mattu. I am familiar with Dr. Grauer's book on ECG and have met Dr. Mattu as a presenter at an Emergency Medicine conference. Both of these articles are worth the time spent to review. Dr. Grauer's is a written article while Dr. Mattu's is in a video format.

I would, strongly recommend that you search this for yourself. I could include copies of the written article but have chosen not to do so.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Rich Payne**