



Announcement: CAND Vital Link will be going online in 2021

It has long been a goal of the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors to have its journal listed as a fully indexed online publication. Following extensive work by the current editorial team, this goal will shortly be realized: *CAND Vital Link* will be moving to its own website in the Fall of 2021 as an online, indexed peer-reviewed journal. With a public facing webpage, and full access for members, the new digital *CAND Vital Link* will serve to educate naturopathic doctors and other health professionals in Canada and globally on evidence-informed care and the art of naturopathic best practices, including community and planetary health.

Over the next few months, the Editors and our Executive Director will be working with SG Publishing, a Canadian company that has helped several other medical and CAM journals make the transition to the Open Journal Systems platform. Our website will have optimized functionality and an enhanced reader experience across multiple platforms, including mobile and handheld devices.

In addition to launching with our third edition of 2021, we will be adding our 2019-2021 editions to the website, so that members will be able to browse and download articles from past and recent editions. Select articles from past editions (collated by the Editors) will also be available in Open Access to build readership and impact.

Behind the scenes, SG Publishing will also be providing ongoing production and editorial support so that peer review, copy editing, and layout will be done efficiently, thoroughly, and on time. Articles will be searchable online, with unique DOI numbers to increase their potential reach. Longer term, our plan with SG Publishing is to meet standards to be included in higher impact databases such as PubMed Central and EBSCOhost, planned for year 2-3 post-transition. This will be a first for any ND association journal in North America.

The CAND Board of Directors, *CAND Vital Link* Editors and our 12-member Editorial Board are very excited to see this project about to launch and welcome member questions and feedback as we move forward with the transition.

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