

# Foundations of Naturopathic Medicine Project

## Codifying our knowledge. *It's time.*



### Call for Experts and Key Informants

#### The Emunctories\* Systems

*\*Emunctories (n): Organs or parts of the body (as the kidneys, skin, etc.) which serve to carry off waste matter.*

*A call for clinical, academic and scientific experts and key informants to assist in the creation of a didactic and clinical education resource on the science and integrated practice of Emunctorology in Naturopathic Medicine*

The Foundations of Naturopathic Medicine Project (FNM) invites nominations and applications from individuals with knowledge and expertise in the emunctories systems to:

1. Serve as **key informants** through an interview session and contribute to the various schools of thought, clinical models and existing evidence based applications for Emunctorology
2. Serve on a **peer review team** to work in conjunction with FNM Core Emunctorology team and staff to establish an education resource module on the science and integrated practice of Emunctorology

Nominees are invited from all naturopathic colleges, practicing physicians (2 + years), national and international associations, and agencies serving the profession.

#### **PROJECT OBJECTIVE - Design a portable academic education resources module on Emunctorology**

- Develop in collaboration with the Foundations team, Southern Cross University (SCU) and National College of Natural Medicine (NCNM) faculty and undertake a full faculty peer review of the education module
- Make the module available to all interested and accredited ND colleges
- Involve an international team of experts based on a comprehensive literature search on all schools of thought regarding the emunctories systems
- Address the pathophysiology, anatomy, biochemistry, and histology of the complex system of emunctories throughout the organism
- Address the environmental, functional and scientific medical literature on detoxification, nature cure-elimination, and cleansing
- Compile historic, medical and clinical bodies of knowledge and scientific evidence
- Illustrate treatment strategies

#### **FNM Core Emunctorology Team will appoint the independent experts to the peer review team in order to:**

1. Contribute to the development of the module
2. Assist in the creation and evaluation of theories coinciding with teaching the emunctories systems
3. Verify the exact science behind the emunctories systems
4. Discern the main differences between drainage theory and detoxification
5. Assess the clinical applications and substantiate the science of Emunctorology

#### **Key Informant Commitment**

- Participate in conference call meetings each quarter for 18 months for the creation of the education module
- Chosen informants may be appointed to assist with the redaction of an Emunctorology chapter in the Foundations of Naturopathic Medicine Project textbook.

#### **Deadline for nominations: Fall 2008**

#### **Submission guidelines**

- Nominate yourself or a colleague.
- Describe in a paragraph (~200 words) the interest of the nominee to be a part of the peer review team, the nominee's motivation to expand the study of Emunctorology, and the desire to contribute to its scholastic research.
- Along with the submission, include the nominee's contact information (e-mail, phone number, and mailing address) as well as the professional affiliation(s) and curriculum vitae of the nominee.

#### **Please submit nomination(s) electronically to:**

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