



Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
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October 15, 2014

Dear Minister Hoskins;

Thank you very much for your letter of October 4, 2014, addressed to College Presidents and Registrars/Executive Directors, in which you describe your government's commitment to ensuring that Ontario's system for regulating health professional becomes more transparent.

The College of Physiotherapists of Ontario supports the idea that all Ontarians should have access to information that enhances their ability to make informed decisions about their care. The College is already working with five other colleges through the Advisory Group on Regulatory Excellence (AGRE) to develop ways to improve the public's access to information about our respective health professions.

By December 1, 2014, the College will provide your Ministry with a complete list of the specific steps that it is in the process of undertaking to make these transparency measures possible.

In the interim, the College's Council has proposed an initial set of changes to its by-laws that will allow the College to provide the public with more information about its members. In keeping with the RHPA's consultation requirements, these changes are now being reviewed by the College's members. They are available on the College's website at www.collegept.org. We anticipate that further changes to the by-laws will be proposed in December to extend the College's authority to release information more broadly.

The College also supports your government's belief that the public should have access to detailed information on inspection results of clinics that provide health care services. We are of the view that transparency about individual health professionals is not sufficient to inform patient choice. Patients also need access to information about the clinics in which these professionals work.

In this context, the regulation of physiotherapy clinics is an imperative. This would require the Ministry to grant the College the authority to regulate clinics that provide physiotherapy care, inspect their premises and practices, and to make these inspection results publicly available.

The College looks forward to working with Ministry staff to enhance and develop the transparency rules that will enable Ontarians to obtain the information they need to make informed decisions about their health care.

Sincerely,

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President