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Hello,

Welcome to the October edition of Perspectives.

In this newsletter, we go over two new standards coming into effect on November 1, share our annual report and highlight some resources to support you in your practice as we head into respiratory illness season.

Please take some time to review the new standards in detail and don't hesitate to contact our **Practice Advice Team** if you have any questions.

Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback on these standards during the consultation process. Your input was extremely valuable.

A friendly reminder that consultations are now open for the next group, which relates to business practices. I encourage you to take a look at the draft standards and let us know what you think. Every piece of feedback is reviewed and summarized for the Board to consider before the final standards are approved.

Finally, I'd like to invite you to a 30-minute webinar on November 19, which will focus on answering your questions about the first group of updated standards. We hope to see you there.

All the best,



Craig Roxborough
Registrar and CEO

More New Standards Coming Into Effect

The following updated standards have been approved by the College Board and will go into effect

on November 1, 2024:

- **Evidence-Informed Practice Standard**
- **Titles, Credentials, and Specialty Designations Standard** (this will replace the Restricted Titles, Credentials and Specialty Designations Standard)

These updated requirements must be followed by all physiotherapists and physiotherapist residents. Please take some time to ensure you're familiar with them.

To further support your understanding, we'll send you another email on October 31 with the top five highlights from each of the updated standards.

Webinar: Updated Standards, Your Questions Answered



Join us on November 19 for a free, live webinar focused on the first group of updated standards, which went into effect on August 1, 2024:

- **Assessment, Diagnosis, Treatment Standard**
- **Communication Standard**
- **Duty of Care Standard**
- **Risk Management and Safety Standard**

Members of the College's Practice Advice and Policy teams will talk through how these standards apply in practice and the top highlights from each. They'll also answer common questions.

Do you have a question about one of these standards that you'd like to hear answered during the webinar? Submit it to communications@collegept.org.

Preregistration is required to attend the live webinar on **Tuesday, November 19 from 12:30 to 1 p.m.**

A recording will be available afterward.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Jurisprudence Module Now Open

The 2024 Jurisprudence Module is now open.

All physiotherapists who **registered for Independent Practice between September 26, 2023 and September 25, 2024** are required to successfully complete the online module, along with any PTs who **have not done Jurisprudence in the last five years.**

If you are required to complete Jurisprudence this year, you should have received emails from the College. Please monitor your inbox and check your junk folder. If you fall within the parameters mentioned above and haven't received communication from us, please contact jurisprudence@collegept.org.

Case of the Month: What Happens If You Don't Complete Jurisprudence?



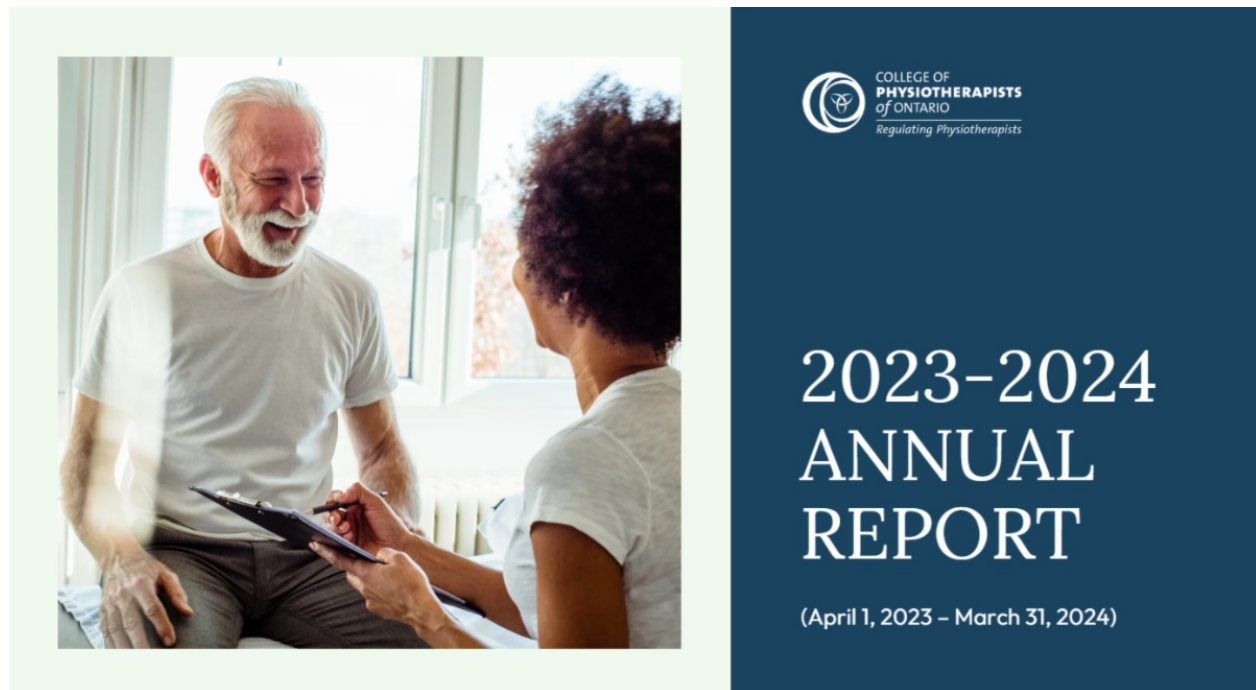
By testing a physiotherapist's understanding of standards, legislation and rules related to practice in Ontario, the Jurisprudence Module is one of the ways the College ensures physiotherapists

have sufficient knowledge to deliver safe and high-quality care.

So what happens if you don't complete Jurisprudence when you're required to? We explore the consequences for one PT in the latest Case of the Month.

[Read the Case of the Month](#)

Read Our Annual Report



Our 2023-2024 Annual Report is now available.

Over the past year, the College has worked hard to deliver on our mission to serve the public interest. Here's some of what we've accomplished:

- Scaled the Ontario Clinical Exam up to four administrations per year to continue to ensure a smooth path to licensure
- Released new resources to support physiotherapists, including six e-learning modules focused on transitioning to practice in Ontario
- Developed an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion strategy to guide future work
- Continued to collaborate and do outreach with physiotherapists, the public and system partners

Explore the full report to learn more about what we've been up to over the past year, along with some of what's planned for the future.

[Read the Report](#)



In 2009, the Ontario government expanded physiotherapy scope of practice to include ordering diagnostic imaging and laboratory tests. However, the government never created the regulations that would allow physiotherapists to actually do this.

The Ontario Physiotherapy Association (OPA) is inviting PTs to participate in a survey that will inform the association's submission to the province on this issue.

Specifically, the survey seeks to learn about:

- Current practices of physiotherapists relating to ordering diagnostic imaging and laboratory tests
- Physiotherapists' attitudes towards implementation of scope of practice changes to permit these activities

[Take the Survey](#)

Featured Standard: Communication

This standard came into effect on August 1, 2024.

It requires physiotherapists to communicate professionally, clearly, effectively, and in a timely manner to support and promote quality physiotherapy

services.



Top five highlights from the Communication Standard:

1. Avoid disrespectful, dishonest, or misleading communication.
2. Engage in active listening.
3. Communicate with everyone in the circle of care, including patients, team members, and caregivers.
4. Maintain patient confidentiality.
5. Document all communications accurately, clearly, professionally, and in a timely manner.

Make sure you review the full **Communication Standard**.

[Read the Standard](#)

Practice Advice Question

How do I know which communication to include in a patient's record? For example, do I need to include DMs from patients on Instagram regarding my clinic hours? What about a text message telling me their knee feels better after their appointment?

[Get the Answer](#)

Myth vs. Fact

Physiotherapists can communicate with patients over social media.

Is this a myth or a fact?

[Find Out](#)

Respiratory Illness Season Resources



November marks the start of respiratory illness season in Ontario, when pathogens like influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and COVID-19 circulate in higher numbers.

In this month's blog, we go over some resources and guidance to help you protect yourself, your patients and your colleagues.

[Read the Blog](#)

Consultations: Business Practice Standards

Consultations are now open for the following proposed standards:

- Advertising and Marketing
- Documentation
- Funding, Fees and Billing

Your feedback is important. Your input will shape how these standards are developed and ultimately, what the expectations for Ontario physiotherapists look like in the future.

The consultation period will close on Sunday, November 24, 2024.

[Consultations](#)

Welcome

New Registrants

The College would like to welcome our newly registered physiotherapists.

[View the List](#)



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