

Perspectives



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Welcome to the August edition of Perspectives. I hope everyone has an opportunity to soak up the last bit of summer.

Earlier this week, we opened registration for the Ontario Clinical Exam (OCE), which will stay open until at least August 29. To date we have received 272 applications with more coming in every day. Candidates will be advised of their exam date as soon as possible.

I would like to thank everyone for your patience as we continue to navigate some significant changes at the College with the passing of our Registrar, Rod Hamilton. We appreciate everyone who took time to reach out during this difficult time.

Sincerely,



Anita Ashton
Interim Registrar

Ontario Clinical Exam - Registration Now Open

We have launched a new Ontario Clinical Exam section of the College website, and registration for the exam officially opened on August 22. The registration form will stay open until at least August 29.

Registration is currently open for the first seven administrations of the Ontario Clinical Exam (OCE). These administrations are hybrid exams that will be held in Toronto. We will move to a virtual exam in 2023, and a second round of registration will open in the fall of 2022.

All Provisional Practice Certificates have been extended until February 14, 2023 to allow Residents to register through the exemption policy or to attempt the Ontario Clinical Exam.

Candidates in Provisional Practice who are not pursuing the Exam Exemption Policy must be registered for the OCE.

After February 14, we will only extend Provisional Practice Certificates if candidates need time to complete the Ontario Clinical Exam, receive their results or register for an Independent Practice Certificate.

If you are interested in learning more about the OCE, please check out the exam section of the website. We will continue to add new information as it becomes available, including sample questions in the near future.

Become an OCE Examiner

The College continues to recruit examiners to support the administrations of the Ontario Clinical Exam.

Examiners are paid a competitive hourly rate and are also provided with comprehensive paid training before starting the role.

This is an excellent opportunity to get more involved with the College on a casual basis, while helping aspiring physiotherapists to become fully registered.

Submit your application at any time on the College website.

Examiner Information

New Full-Time Practice Advisor on Staff

We are thrilled to welcome Abosede (Abbi) Olanbiwonnu (she/her) to the team as a full-time Practice Advisor.

Abbi has more than 10 years experience as a PT, mainly in private practice, and previously worked as a clinic director leading a team of clinicians. Abbi also brings a very valuable perspective to the College as a physiotherapist who is internationally educated.

Practice Advice is a free service for physiotherapists, PT Residents, students, patients, employers, insurers and others.

If you have a question or need to chat through a challenging scenario, call 1-800-583-5885 ext. 241 or email advice@collegept.org. Abbi, Fiona or Mary Catherine would be happy to assist you.

Practice Advice

By-laws Consultation - Changes to Registration-Related Fees

We want to hear from you - the College is inviting feedback on proposed changes to our By-laws to update registration-related fees.

We welcome your input on the proposed changes. **Please provide your feedback by Sunday, September 4, 2022.**

Consultations

Case of the Month: Break My Fall

Patient safety should always be a top priority for physiotherapists. PTs should take steps to

mitigate any potential risks during treatment - for example providing aids to avoid a fall. Physiotherapists should also have a written plan for managing any adverse outcomes.

In a new Case of the Month we take a closer look at what happens when a PT doesn't take the necessary steps to ensure patient safety, resulting in further injury to the patient.

[Read the Case](#)

Reminder: Anti-Racism & Equity Workshops, September 15 and 29

The College of Physiotherapists of Ontario is partnering with Future Ancestors and other regulatory health colleges for a series of workshops to explore equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace and within the therapeutic relationship.

Key concepts explored in the workshop series include worldview, intersectionality, identity, (micro)aggressions, bias, critical self-reflection.

These virtual sessions are free to attend. Please attend the scheduled sessions live to best engage in dialogue and self-reflection. The sessions will not be available in an archived format afterward.

Session 1: Thursday, September 15 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Session 2: Thursday, September 29 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

Practice Advice Question

What precautions should be taken when a physiotherapist is exposed to patients who may be infected with the Monkeypox virus?

[Get the Answer](#)

Myth vs Fact

Physiotherapists need to retain the patient's financial records.

Is this a myth or a fact?

[Find Out](#)



Liability Insurance Reminder

Liability insurance is a mandatory requirement for all PTs.

Is your policy up to date?

To register with the College, you need liability insurance that meets these requirements:

- A minimum coverage of \$5 million dollars for the annual policy period

- A liability limit of at least \$5 million dollars per incident
- No additional terms, conditions, or exclusions, other than standard
- No deductible
- Tail insurance for a minimum of 10 years

Some PTs may choose to add additional insurance that is not included in their policy such as cyber insurance to cover computers, internet, information technology and virtual practice tools, but this is not required.

Check with your employer to see if their clinic or hospital has insurance coverage, and whether that coverage protects you. If not, it's your responsibility to arrange your own.

If you work in multiple practice environments (at many clinics and/or hospitals), do not assume your insurance at one location covers you for the others. You may have to arrange coverage for other locations, either jointly or separately.

Liability Insurance Requirements

CAPR: Evaluation Services Survey

The [Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators](#) (CAPR) has initiated a project to re- envision its evaluation services, which includes a high-stakes competency exam and credentialing program. Stemming from this initiative is CAPR's **Evaluation Services Re- envisioned (ESR)** project which begins with gathering data through exploratory research, interviews, focus groups, a survey and a literature review.

To ensure data is gathered from all stakeholders, please consider filling out the survey at the link below. The survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete and will close on September 18.

Your survey responses will remain anonymous, and the data used to make recommendations on CAPR Evaluation Services.

Complete the Survey

Annual Report

The College's 2021-2022 Annual Report is now available.

The annual report details accomplishments and challenges in the past year, and provides a closer look and initiatives we undertook in support of our mandate to protect the public. The report also provides a look ahead with more information about our strategic plan for 2022 through 2026.

Please take a couple of minutes to look through the report, and feel free to email communications@collegept.org if you have any questions.

Annual Report

Rowan's Law: Concussion Safety

To support the implementation of the removal-from-sport and return-to-sport protocols, the

Ministry of Health has developed a resource on Rowan's Law: Information for Health Care Providers, which is available on the [Government of Ontario's concussions webpage](#).

The government's fact sheet - available in English and French - will help increase awareness among health care providers regarding Rowan's Law, what the requirements are, and also provide resources to support their work.

Be sure to check out the website more information.

[Ronan's Law: Information](#)

Welcome

New Registrants

The College would like to welcome our newly registered physiotherapists.

[View the List](#)

Questions?

Free, confidential advice for students, residents, physiotherapists, employers, patients, caregivers and insurers.

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