

# Perspectives



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Welcome to the September edition of Perspectives. In this newsletter you'll find information about working with physiotherapist assistants, reminders for managing adverse events, materials for our upcoming Council meeting, and an article about our new Council President, Nitin Madhvani.

I'd also like to thank everyone who joined us for our second live webinar about the Ontario Clinical Exam on September 19. It was a great discussion and we appreciated your questions. There is a [recording of the webinar](#) if you were unable to attend, or would like to revisit some of the information.

Good luck to all candidates who are taking the October exams. Please don't hesitate to contact the [exam team](#) with any questions.

All the best,



Craig Roxborough  
Registrar & CEO

## Our New Council President, Nitin Madhvani

Already an experienced Council member, Nitin Madhvani was elected Council President in June 2023.

This appointment marks an important milestone for the College as Nitin is the first public member of Council to serve as President.

In a new article, we learn a bit more about Nitin's background, his commitment to serving the public interest, why he firmly believes in right-touch regulation, and what he hopes to accomplish in this role.

[Read the Article](#)

Physiotherapists are required to keep clinical and financial records for at least 10 years after the last patient encounter or the date that the patient reached or would have reached 18 years of age.

But what happens when physiotherapists don't meet that requirement? In a new Case of the Month we review a scenario where a patient was unable to get their records from their former PT and reached out to the College for help.

The investigation uncovered a series of unfortunate events with implications for the patient and physiotherapist.

[Read the Case](#)

## Managing Adverse Events: Do You Have a Plan?

No matter how cautious a physiotherapist might be, there is always a risk of adverse events, especially when performing [controlled acts](#). This is why it's important to have a written plan to manage these situations appropriately.

Your written plan should include:

- What could possibly go wrong during an assessment or treatment?
- What steps need to be taken for each adverse event? Who needs to complete the steps?
- What instructions need to be given to patients to manage the adverse event if it occurs after the patient leaves your practice?

The full list of recommended questions and considerations for your [written plan](#) is available on our website. The Patient Safety page also has additional resources to help you prevent and respond to adverse events.

[Patient Safety](#)

### Practice Advice Question

*Which written policies and procedures do physiotherapists need to have in their practice?*

[Get the Answer](#)

### Myth vs Fact

*Patients have the right to "lock" information away that they don't want shared with others.*

Is this a myth or a fact?

[Find Out](#)

**Working with Physiotherapist Assistants Standard**

Physiotherapists who assign care to



physiotherapist assistants (PTAs) remain responsible for all of the patient's care.

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When working with PTAs, physiotherapists must carefully balance the risks of assigning and supervising care with the patient's best interests.

### **Advice from the Practice Advisors when it comes to working with PTAs:**

**Stop:** Assuming PTAs have the knowledge, skills and judgment to carry out the assigned care based on their education or years of experience.

**Start:** Having conversations with PTAs to be clear on each other's roles and responsibilities before assigning care.

Be sure to confirm the PTA's skills, knowledge, training, and experience. This can be done through direct observation of the PTA and by using resources like the [PTA Competency Checklist](#). If another physiotherapist has assessed the PTA's competency, you can use that assessment to confirm the competency of the PTA as long as there is documentation.

Be sure to review the complete standard and call the Practice Advisors at 1-800-583-5885 (extension 241) if you have further questions.

[Read the Standard](#)

## **New Study: Inclusivity in Canadian PT Programs**

New study on BMC Public Health: [Students' attitudes, beliefs and perceptions surrounding 2SLGBTQIA + health education and inclusiveness in Canadian physiotherapy programs](#)

This study evaluates student attitudes, beliefs and perceptions related to 2SLGBTQIA + health education and working with individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQIA + in entry-level physiotherapy programs in Canada. Be sure to check it out.

Find more equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) resources and studies on our website.

[EDI Resources](#)

## **Cold and Flu Season: Protect Yourself and Patients**

Respiratory illnesses like colds, the flu and COVID will become more prevalent in our communities as we move into the colder months. As health care providers, it's important to protect your patients and yourself from illness.

PTs are expected to exercise professional judgment based on the latest scientific evidence, public health guidance and recommendations around best practices for infection prevention and control, screening and self-isolation.

It's also important to follow your employers' requirements around masking, vaccination, screening and isolation.

Be sure to check out the resources below for more information.

- [Health Canada](#)
- [Public Health Ontario](#)
- Ministry of Health: [Seasonal Respiratory Pathogens Readiness and Response Planning Guide](#)

We will be monitoring the changing environment and will provide updates to physiotherapists as they become available.

## September Council Meeting Materials

The next College Council meeting is scheduled for September 28 and 29, 2023.

Council meetings are open to the public and anyone can join using the livestream link. Review the meeting materials and schedule on the website.

### Meeting Materials

## 2023 Jurisprudence Module

This year's Jurisprudence Module will run from Monday, October 2 to Friday, December 1, 2023.

Only the following physiotherapists will be required to complete the module this year:

- PTs who registered in Independent Practice between September 27, 2022 and September 25, 2023
- PTs who have not completed the Jurisprudence Module in the last five years

**If you are required to complete the module, you will receive an email from the College on October 2.** As a reminder, if you receive this email it is mandatory that you complete the Jurisprudence Module in order to maintain your certificate of registration. You have two attempts to successfully complete the module.

**If you don't receive an email from the College, you do NOT need to complete the module.**

### Jurisprudence Module



The College would like to welcome our newly registered physiotherapists.

[View the List](#)

## Questions? Ask the Advisor

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Practice Advice for Physiotherapists

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