

Perspectives



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Welcome to the March edition of Perspectives.

We have hit another milestone with the Ontario Clinical Exam as we recently completed the last two administrations that required candidates to take the exam on site in Toronto. We are now preparing for the first administrations of the virtual exam in June 2023. To date 456 candidates have completed the Ontario Clinical Exam, and more than 400 candidates have been assigned to upcoming exams.

Also, a quick reminder to complete annual renewal and PISA as soon as you can. Both are due by March 31, 2023. All important details are included at the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,



Anita Ashton
Interim Registrar

Upcoming Privacy Webinar with Kate Dewhirst

It's been a while since we last had a conversation about privacy. The College of Physiotherapists of Ontario is pleased to welcome back privacy expert and health lawyer Kate Dewhirst.

Join us on Thursday, April 27 from noon until 1 p.m.

In a follow up to our [last privacy webinar](#), Kate will take a deeper dive into privacy requirements and considerations for regulated health professionals. Topics that we'll explore include circle of care and working with Ontario Health Teams, privacy and the use of social media, the role of a Health Information Custodian, sharing information with families and disputes between caregivers about privacy, and more.

A recording of the webinar will be available after for anyone who is unable to attend live. **Be sure to register to receive an email with a copy of the recording.**

[Register Now](#)

New: Social Media Principles for Physiotherapists

We often receive questions from physiotherapists about their professional responsibilities when using social media. As regulated health professionals, physiotherapists must communicate with patients, those in their professional environment and the public respectfully, honestly, and professionally. This also applies to online communication, including social media.

Check out the new social media page for guiding principles for physiotherapists when posting professionally or personally, things a regulator will analyze when considering if a post is appropriate, recent case law, and downloadable resources and scenarios.

[Social Media Principles](#)

Case of the Month: Preventing Boundary Breaches

In recent years the College has seen a noticeable increase in complaints related to boundary breaches. Often these complaints have an underlying issue of poor communication by the physiotherapist. A boundary breach may be unintentional, but it can have a lasting impact on the therapeutic relationship if it's not properly addressed.

In a new Case of the Month, we look at several cases where a boundary was breached, and provide tips to prevent similar situations in your practice.

[Read the Case](#)

2023 Council Elections: Updates and Voting

The 2023 Council Elections are currently underway. Thank you to everyone who nominated a physiotherapist to run in the election, and to all the candidates who confirmed their nomination.

Voting Information

Voting for District 4 (Eastern) and District 8 (Central) is now open. If you live in either of these districts, please check your email with information about the voting process. **Voting closes on April 19, 2023 at 2 p.m.**

Update for District 5 (Northern)

Andy Wang was acclaimed to the College Council for a three-year term, representing District 5 (Northern).

Andy Wang was the only nominee for District 5. As such, there will be no election process for this Council seat. Eligible voters in District 5 will not receive voting information as previously communicated.

If you have any questions about the voting process, please contact elections@collegept.org, or check the website for more information.

[2023 Elections](#)

Practice Advice Question

A children's aid society contacts a child's physiotherapist and asks for information to assist in an investigation. Can the physiotherapist disclose information about the child to the children's aid society?

Get the Answer

Myth vs Fact

Physiotherapists have a duty to report suspected child abuse, including physical, emotional and sexual abuse and/or neglect.

Is this a myth or a fact?

Find Out



Let's Talk About Consent

Getting consent from a patient is more than just having a patient sign their name to a form. Signing a form without a discussion is not consent.

There are legislative requirements for physiotherapists when obtaining consent. These requirements are included in the [Health Care Consent Act](#) and summarized on the College website.

Advice from the Practice Advisors when it comes to obtaining consent:

Physiotherapists must ensure that patients understand what is going to happen before the assessment or treatment begins. The PT must provide information about the nature of the treatment, its benefits, risks, side effects, the alternative courses of action, and any possible consequences of not having the treatment. The physiotherapist must also get consent from the patient to involve anyone else in their care.

Stop: Stop sending a physiotherapist assistant (PTA) to meet the patient alone if you have not obtained the patient's consent to involve someone else in their care.

Start: Making time to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the physiotherapist and the PTA with each patient or their substitute decision-maker. The patient should know the PTA by name and job title and provide consent to have them involved in their care. Physiotherapists must document consent discussions in the patient's chart.

Be sure to review the complete resource and call the Practice Advisors at 1-800-583-5885 (extension 241) if you're looking for additional guidance.

Consent Resource

Emergency Class of Registration - Submit Your Feedback

The College is seeking comments on a proposed Emergency Class of Registration, an

amendment to its General Regulation in response to the new provincial requirements outlined in Bill 106.

The deadline to provide feedback is Friday, April 14, 2023. Visit the consultations page for more information.

Consultations

Next Council Meeting is March 23 and 24

The next College Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23 and Friday, March 24, 2023.

Council meetings are open to the public. Please note that the public part of the meeting on March 23 will begin at 2 p.m. Access the meeting materials and livestream links on the College website.

About Council

March 31 Deadline: Complete Annual Renewal and PISA Now

Annual Renewal 2023

All physiotherapists in Independent Practice must complete annual renewal and pay the registration fee by 11:59 p.m. on March 31. **The fee this year is \$635.**

If you do not meet the deadline, you will need to pay an additional late fee of \$249.

You will complete annual renewal online using the PT Portal. Please check your email for more information.

If you have questions, please contact the Renewal Team at renewal@collegept.org or 1-800-583-5885 ext. 222.

Annual Renewal

PISA 2023

PISA is a mandatory self-reflection exercise that all PTs must complete each year. This includes people with both Provisional Practice and Independent Practice certificates.

PISA is mandatory, but it is not scored. You just need to complete it by the deadline. Log in to the [PT Portal](#) and select PISA from left-hand side to complete your exercise.

If you have questions, please contact PISA@collegept.org or 1-800-583-5885 ext. 235.

PISA

Welcome

New Registrants

The College would like to welcome our newly registered physiotherapists.

[View the List](#)

Questions? Ask the Advisor

Free, Confidential Advice Available for the Public and
Practice Advice for Physiotherapists

Call 1-800-583-5885 ext. 241 or 647-484-8800
or email advice@collegept.org

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