

# Compression Stockings

## G U I D E L I N E S

The College of Chiropodists of Ontario acknowledges that many members prescribe and fit compression stockings as part of an integrated treatment plan for their patients. Members are reminded that whatever modality or plan they use in the treatment of their patients, it should come within the scope of practise of chiropody as defined in the Chiropody Act and be provided in accordance with the requirements found in the College's Regulations, and in a manner consistent with the professional and ethical standards of practice which members of this College are expected to meet. In order to meet those standards members must have the requisite knowledge, skill and judgment before proceeding with any treatment or modality and maintain current competency by updating their knowledge from time to time.

The College strongly suggests that members who wish to prescribe or dispense compression stockings, whether or not they have previously practised in this area, should, at a minimum:

1. complete or have recently completed an appropriate course in the prescribing and dispensing of compressions stockings; and
2. have and maintain familiarity with, and have an appropriate understanding of, the various compression stocking products available in the marketplace.

