

Dear Members:

As a follow up to our e-mail of February 27, 2015, it has come to the College's attention that some members of the College are treating soft tissue lesions (for example, warts) using lasers and referring to the treatment provided as "laser therapy." This has led to confusion within the insurance industry, resulting in them seeking clarification on the matter from the College. The matter has been researched by the College's Technical Committee and they had advised Council that the appropriate terminology for such treatment involving a laser, whether by cutting, cauterizing or coagulation etc. to destroy the tissue is "laser surgery."

Accordingly, going forward, the College directs its members who offer these services to their patients to refer to the treatment as "laser surgery." It should never be referred to as "therapy" or "laser therapy" in communications with patients, their guardians or health insurance carriers.