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President's Message

Our College has undertaken several important initiatives that I wish to bring to the attention of the membership. Firstly, as you are aware, Nicole Zwiers has been selected by Council to serve as our Registrar beginning May 3rd. As our new Registrar, she will bring with her...

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Registrar Appointment

The College is pleased to announce the appointment of Nicole Zwiers, LL.B, LL.M, to the position of Registrar and Chief Administrative Officer. Nicole will assume her new role on May 3, 2021 after which time she can be reached at registrar@cocoo.on.ca.

[Click here to read the full announcement](#)

Practice Advisory Services Update



The Practice Advisor, Meghan Houtt, is on an indefinite medical leave. In her absence and until April 30, 2021, please contact the Acting Registrar, actingregistrar@cocoo.on.ca, with any practice-related questions or concerns. After April 30, 2021, please contact the Registrar, registrar@cocoo.on.ca with any practice-related questions or concerns.

The Practice Advisory Service page on the College's website also provides links to FAQs for members, Advisories and Resources.

[Click here for information about the PA Service and links to resources](#)



Media Advisory

The amended Advertising Guideline and Social Media Advisory are now in effect. Find them here:

- [Advertising Guideline](#)
- [Social Media Advisory](#)



Metadata Use and the Advertising Regulation

Q: Are there any restrictions on the terminology I can use within my website's metadata/meta descriptions or as search engine optimization (SEO) keywords?

A: Yes. Under the regulation addressing advertising ([O. Reg. 203/94](#)), Members cannot advertise or permit advertising with respect to their practice...

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Diversity & Inclusion Policy

The College is planning to develop a Diversity & Inclusion Policy. The College is a member of the Health Professions Regulator of Ontario (HPRO) and HPRO has recently struck an Anti-BIOPC Racism Working Group to provide direction on how HPRO can support its members to identify systemic racism and implement tangible and coordinated actions, in the immediate, medium and longer term, to eradicate BIOPC racism and to build a culture, systems and practices that allow diversity, equity, and inclusion to thrive.



Mechanical Nail Debridement in the Context of COVID-19 Advisory

In response to questions from Members and the public in regards to the use of nail drills during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the College has developed an advisory to its Members. In providing guidance to its Members regarding best practices for the use of nail drills in the clinical setting during the COVID-19 pandemic, the College is taking protective steps for both its Members and the public.

[Click here to view the Advisory for Mechanical Nail Debridement in the Context of COVID-19](#)



Zero Tolerance Policy & Conflict of Interest

The College's Zero Tolerance Policy document provides additional clarity to the statement which was released to the membership in June 2019. This document also provides some examples of what are considered to be inappropriate business practices. [Click here to view the Zero Tolerance Policy](#)

The College has received questions from Members regarding how to disclose a conflict of interest to the College. Members should contact the Registrar to disclose any conflict(s) of interest. [Click here for College staff contact information](#)



Registration Exam Update

The 2021 OSCE examination is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 11, 2021 at the Michener Institute, while the written portion of the examination is being migrated to a secure online format, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 26, 2021. If you are interested in becoming an examiner for the College's OSCE's please email Tera Goldblatt at tgoldblatt@cocoo.on.ca.

The [Profile of Competencies document](#) which has been updated has been approved by Council will take effect June 22, 2022.



ICRC & Discipline Committee Update

In the first quarter of 2021, the College received nine complaints and opened two Registrar's investigations. These numbers are slightly lower than last year. By comparison, in the first quarter of 2020 and 2019, the College received 12 complaints and opened one Registrar's investigation. Overall, the numbers have been relatively consistent over the last two years...

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Recruitment of College Mentors & Practice Assessors

The College is recruiting mentors (also called “Supervisors” or “Educators”) to be added to its roster. Mentors are assigned to perform site visits and work with members to ensure that they meet the College’s standards after the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (“ICRC”) orders a Specified Continuing Education or Remediation Program (“SCERP”) or the Discipline Committee orders supervision of the member’s practice.

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COVID-19 Vaccines

The Ministry of Health continues to roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine to health care workers. The College continues to assist local Public Health Units in contacting our Members who are eligible to receive the vaccine.

[Click here for important information and FAQs about the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)



Member Communications

Please ensure your e-mail on file with the College is current and inputted correctly – especially since COVID-19 vaccine information will be sent to the e-mail address you have on file with us. Members may update their information anytime via the Member Portal.

[Click here to visit the Member Portal](#)



Ministry of Health College Performance Measurement Framework

The Ministry of Health’s College Performance Measurement Framework (CPMF) reveals how well Colleges are executing their mandate to act in the public interest. This information will help to strengthen accountability and oversight of Ontario’s health regulatory Colleges and assist Colleges to improve their performance. It will further strengthen the accountability and oversight of Ontario’s health regulatory Colleges by providing information and measurement that is transparent, consistent and aligned across all Colleges on their performance in serving the public’s interest.

[Click here to view the College’s CPMF Report](#)

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