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## President's Message

It is only natural that as one year comes to a close and we embark into a new year, the turning of the page on the calendar carries with it the hopes and aspirations for a better tomorrow. This is particularly true if the year we leave behind was fraught with tumult and unprecedented challenges....

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## New Council & Executive Members

The College congratulates the following successful candidates in the Fall 2020 election and bi-election...

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## Practice Advisory Services Update



The Practice Advisory (PA) Service was launched in September 2020. So far, the PA Service has had a great response from the Membership. In the period between its launch and mid-January, the PA Service received 208 inquiries, the majority of which have been from Members (76%) and the public/patients (9%). The most asked about topics have been Standards/Guidelines (30%) and COVID-19 (28%)...

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## Amendments to the Advertising Guideline & New Social Media Advisory

The College's Standards and Guidelines Committee is in the process of amending the Advertising Guideline and developing a Social Media Advisory for Members. These items will be coming back to Council for review at their February 2021 Council Meeting. Stay tuned!



## Proposed Amendments to the Drug Regulation

The draft regulation has been posted on the Ministry's website for stakeholder comments. A response was submitted from the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), which unfortunately was not supportive of the amendments...

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## Efforts to go Paperless

In addition to the membership renewal, the College has continued moving towards a paperless model for our administrative work. New Member files now exist only digitally, and the College is working towards creating digital files for the whole membership going forward...

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## COCOO on Social Media

Over the past year, the College has introduced a social media presence in light of the events of COVID-19 and the need to better connect with its Members across a variety of platforms.

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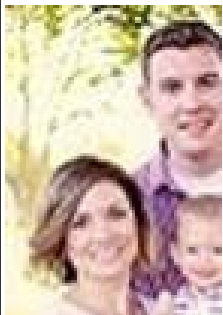
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## Registration Examination Update

The College held its annual registration examination (written and OSCE components) on October 17 & 18, 2020. The examination had been postponed from June 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. 44 applicants sat the exams, and 24 were successful...

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## Spousal Exception Regulation

The Spousal Exception Regulation (O. Reg. 567/20), amending the General Regulation (O. Reg. 203/94) under the *Chiroprody Act, 1991*, was passed and filed on October 8, 2020. As a result, Members are now permitted to treat their spouses.

[Click here for more details regarding the Spousal Exception Regulation](#)



## New Prescription Custom Foot Orthoses (PCFO) Standard

At their Council Meeting in October 2020, Council approved amendments to the PCFO Standard of Practice. The amended Standard provides further clarity surrounding the prescribing and dispensing of PCFOs by Members, while best practices ensure that the public of Ontario have access to safe and effective PCFOs.

[Click here to view the PCFO Standard of Practice](#)

[Click here to view PCFO FAQs](#)

[Click here to view the PCFO Standard: What's Changed? Infographic](#)



## New Discontinuation of Services Advisory

At their Council Meeting in October 2020, Council approved a Discontinuation of Services Advisory for Members. This Advisory discusses important considerations and Member responsibilities associated with the discontinuation of services or practice closure related to retirement, resignation, extended leave of absence (such as maternity/parental leave, sick leave, etc.), revocation, suspension, incapacity, or death.

[Click here to view the Discontinuation of Services Advisory](#)



## New Records Standard of Practice

At their Council Meeting in October 2020, Council approved amendments to the Records Standard of Practice. The amendments include additional content related to confidentiality, electronic health records, and electronic communications of personal health information.

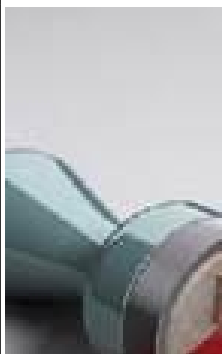
[Click here to view the Records Standard of Practice](#)



## Use of the Doctor Title

Recently, the College has received an increase in complaints and reports related to the use of the title "Doctor." Many of these are related to the way Members are represented on social media and other websites...

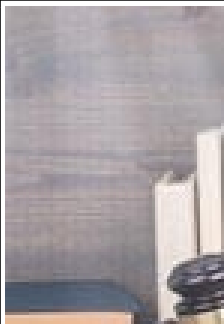
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## Membership Renewal 2021

Online membership renewal for 2021 opened on January 6, 2021, and the renewal deadline is February 14, 2021. While renewal information is due in February, there is an option to defer payment of fees until August 14, 2021...

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## ICRC & Discipline Committee 2020: A Snapshot

Most complaints in 2020 related to breaches of the College's standards, especially Records and Prescription Custom Foot Orthoses (PCFO), and improper business practices. In most cases, complaints related to suspected breaches of the PCFO were filed by insurance companies after they conducted a random audit of the Members' practices...

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-Out

The College has received multiple queries from Members regarding the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine, and whether the College has information about where chiropodists and podiatrists fall in terms of priority. The College has added an FAQ to the COVID-19 FAQs webpage regarding this subject.

[Click here to view the College's COVID-19 FAQs](#)



## Member Communications

A reminder to Members that all College communications (e-mails, COVID-19 updates, e-Bulletins, etc.) are posted on our website on the Member Communications page...

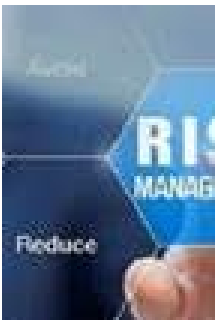
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## COVID-19 Ministry of Health Guidance for the Health Care Sector

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the College reminds all Members to stay up-to-date with any changes to directives from the MOH. In the event of any changes to the current directives, the College will notify the Membership as soon as possible. However, members are advised to check for any changes on a daily basis. It is a Member's responsibility to ensure that they keep themselves current about any updates that occur.

[Click here to visit the MOH website on COVID-19 Guidance for the Health Care Sector](#)



## Ministry of Health College Performance Measurement Framework

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has developed a College Performance Measurement Framework (CPMF) to reveal 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 be rolled out for the first time in the spring of 2021...

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