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President's Message

While no one questions the need for regulation of healthcare professionals, debate about the merits, and shortcomings of self-regulation of healthcare professions has occurred since its inception. I wish to briefly explore the subject of self-regulation for the benefit of everyone's better understanding...

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From the Registrar

The Ministry of Health (MOH) recently developed the College Performance Measurement Framework (CPMF), a measuring tool to be completed and submitted annually to the MOH by the 26 Colleges legislated by the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA) and Code. The CPMF measures, among other things, the regulators' governance, financial accountability, timeliness in handling complaints and transparency...

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Practice Advisory Services Update

The Practice Advisor, Meghan Hault, continues to be on an indefinite leave. In her absence, please contact Peter Ferguson, the Acting Practice Advisor at practice@cocoo.on.ca with any practice-related questions or concerns. Peter is pleased to discuss issues either via email or by phone and will endeavour to respond within 24 hours...

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Elections

The 2021 elections are for District 5 and 6 for Chiropodists, and Combined District 3 for Podiatrists. The elections are scheduled to take place in September and our newly elected Councillors will be welcomed at the October Council meeting. If you are interested in becoming part of the College Council, watch your email for election updates.



Bylaw Amendment Consultation

At its June 25, 2021 meeting, Council passed two bylaws in principle that were circulated to the membership for consultation via email. Please provide your input by emailing consultations@cocoo.on.ca by August 29, 2021. Council will consider the input it receives and vote on the bylaws at its next meeting on October 29, 2021.

The first is an amendment for an increase of \$100 to the annual fees members pay. The second is an amendment for an annual adjustment to reflect the cost of

living increase each year based on the consumer price index. This increase would take effect in 2023.

[Click here for more information about the bylaw amendment consultation](#)

Canadian Health Care System



Culture and Context for Internationally Educated Healthcare Professionals

Orientation to the Canadian Health Care System, Culture and Context is a University of Toronto course designed for internationally educated health professionals who are in the process of becoming licensed in Canada. It is offered two times per year. This course will provide learners with a deepened understanding of the Canadian health care system, what Canadian patients expect from their health care providers, and how to communicate with patients and caregivers. Participants will have an opportunity to interact with other internationally educated health care professionals in a supportive learning environment.

[Click here for more information about the course or to register](#)



Inhalation Course

The College is pleased to announce that we have tentatively scheduled the course and examination dealing with the administration of inhaled substances and the use of sedation in a member's practice (refer to: <http://www.cocoo.on.ca/pdf/standards/standard-inhalation.pdf>). Click Read more below for details...

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Registration Exam Update

The 2020 Supplemental OSCE is being combined with the 2021 main OSCE and will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2021, at the Michener Institute.

The 2021 written examination took place on Saturday, June 26, 2021, and was carried out online for the first time. We are happy to report that the system worked perfectly, and the Standard Setting for the written portion of the exam is underway.



ICRC & Discipline Committee Update

In the first half of 2021, the College received 16 complaints, opened three Registrar's investigations, and received one referral from the Quality Assurance Committee. These numbers are consistent with last year. By comparison, in the first half of 2020, the College received 18 complaints and opened one Registrar's investigation...

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Human Rights Code

COVID-19 has highlighted several human rights issues that panels of the ICRC have considered.

As a reminder, members of the College are required to abide by the Ontario Human Rights Code (the "Code"). In fact, compliance with the Code is embedded in the College's *Patient Relations* standard. Members who have questions or concerns about compliance with the Code are encouraged to seek legal advice.



Recruitment of College Mentors & Practice Assessors

The College is continuing to recruit 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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Recruitment of Members to Assist with the College Examination Process

The College is recruiting new members to participate in several different components of the Examinations. If you are interested in assisting in any area please click Read more below for details.

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Recruitment of Members for the Quality Assurance Committee as Practice Assessors

The College has members in all areas of the province and as such needs to have trained assessors to serve as Practice Assessors for the Quality Assurance Committee. This year the QAC is assessing 2% of the membership, which is approximately 15 members. Please click Read more below for details.

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Member Communications

Please ensure your email on file with the College is current and accurate. Members may update their information anytime via the Member Portal.

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