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Welcome to the August edition of Perspectives.

As we close out the summer, I've now been in my role as Registrar and CEO at the College for just over a year. In this month's blog post, I take the opportunity to reflect back on that time and look ahead to what we have planned for the rest of 2024 and beyond. As I mention in the post, engaging with system partners, including many of you, has been the highlight of my year. I hope you'll read it and share your thoughts by leaving a comment or **sending me an email**. I always appreciate hearing from you.

I'd also like to draw your attention again to the four new standards and Code of Ethical Conduct that came into effect on August 1, 2024. It's been encouraging to see increased traffic to our website as physiotherapists take the time to review the new requirements. If you haven't yet, please ensure you read the new standards and Code of Ethical Conduct in full – and don't forget, you can always <u>reach out to our Practice Advice Team</u> with any questions. To support your understanding of these new standards, we share some highlights from the Risk Management and Safety Standard in this newsletter.

To continue to support you in your practice, we also have some helpful guidance around privacy breaches and an exploration of record keeping requirements as part of the Case of the Month.

As always, thanks for reading.

All the best,

Craig Roxborough Registrar and CEO



Last month, we told you about the following new standards that went into effect on August 1, 2024:

- Assessment, Diagnosis, Treatment
- Communication
- Duty of Care (this replaces the Providing and Refusing Care Standard, which has been rescinded)
- Risk Management and Safety

The College also adopted the revised national Code of Ethical Conduct, effective August 1.

Please ensure you've reviewed the new standards in full, and feel free to reach out to our Practice Advice Team if you have any questions.

Review the Standards

Registrar Reflects on First Year

In this month's blog post, Registrar and CEO Craig Roxborough reflects on his first year in the role.

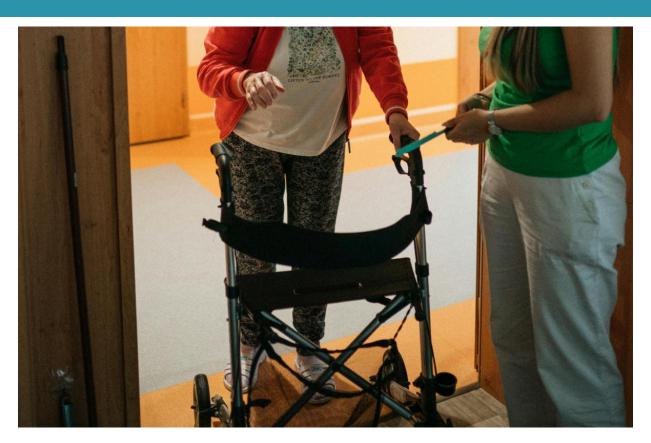
Craig shares some highlights – from engagement with system partners to new ways to track our performance and increase accountability.

He also details a bit of what's next, including continued work to modernize our standards and an overhaul of our website to make it easier to find what you need. Read the full post to learn more and leave a comment to share your thoughts.

Read the Blog



Case of the Month: What's the Plan?



Physiotherapists must maintain well-organized, understandable and accurate clinical records, and include objective data, evidence and outcome measures wherever possible. As a PT, your reasons for providing care should be supported by information you documented in a patient's clinical record.

In a new Case of the Month, we learn what happens when questions are raised about a treatment plan and records are found to be incomplete.

Read the Case of the Month

Consultations

There are just a few days left to weigh in on the latest group of standards open for consultation.

The College is asking for your feedback on the following proposed standards:

- Collaborative Care
- Conflict of Interest
- Dual Practice
- Infection Control

These consultations close on Saturday, August 24, 2024. Visit the Consultations page for more information and to share your comments.

Consultations



Featured Standard: Risk Management and Safety

This standard is one of four that came into effect on August 1, 2024.

It requires physiotherapists to promote and maintain a safe environment for patients, healthcare providers, themselves and others.

Top five highlights from the Risk Management and Safety Standard:

- 1. Identify potential risks to patient safety.
- 2. Incorporate appropriate measures to mitigate and manage identified risks.
- 3. Recognize when patient safety incidents and near misses occur and respond immediately to minimize the impact on the patient.
- 4. Document all patient safety incidents and near misses.
- 5. Maintain individual competency in safety protocols, procedures, and risk mitigation measures relevant to your practice.

Make sure you review the full **Risk Management and Safety Standard**.

Read the Standard

What is a privacy breach? What steps should I take in the event of a privacy breach?

Get the Answer

A PT needs to have insurance coverage when taking parental leave, even though they are not practicing.

Is this a myth or a fact?

Find Out

Ontario Amalgamates Home And Community Care Organizations

The Province of Ontario has amalgamated its 14 Home and Community Care Support Services organizations into a single new service organization called Ontario Health atHome.

Ontario Health atHome will continue to support the coordination of home care services across the province, and support Ontario Health Teams as they take on responsibility for home care.

Learn More



The College would like to welcome our newly registered physiotherapists.

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