

# Perspectives



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Welcome to the first edition of Perspectives in 2023.

The College is currently working on a number of initiatives aimed at supporting internationally educated physiotherapists and new graduates as they transition to practice. This includes a series of comprehensive learning modules for physiotherapists who are new to practice in Ontario. These modules were conceptualized following research that highlighted some of the challenges that new PTs face.

We know that many organizations are supporting similar work in this space. We would love to learn more and explore opportunities to collaborate and share. If you are doing work to support internationally educated health professionals and new graduates, please take five minutes to complete [this quick survey](#).

Sincerely,



Anita Ashton  
Interim Registrar

## Ontario Clinical Exam (OCE) Updates

A lot has happened since the launch of the Ontario Clinical Exam in October 2022. Here's a quick snapshot of the progress so far, and the next steps for the exam.

- To date 291 candidates have attempted the Ontario Clinical Exam. Results from the October and November exams were released on January 24.
- The exams scheduled for March 9 and 10, 2023 will be the final exams with candidates on site in Toronto. After the March exams, the Ontario Clinical Exam will switch to a fully virtual format. Virtual exams are scheduled throughout 2023 and 2024. See a list of dates [here](#).
- [Registration for the virtual exam](#) opened on January 12, 2023. More than 200 applications have been submitted.
- Some PT Residents are still pursuing the [Exam Exemption Policy](#) and must submit an application under the policy by the March 31, 2023 deadline.

- Provisional Practice certificates have been extended for PT Residents who have registered for the Ontario Clinical Exam, or declared that they are pursuing the Exam Exemption Policy.

More information about the virtual Ontario Clinical Exam will be added to the website as it becomes available.

## Ontario Clinical Exam

# Annual Renewal and PISA Open on February 1, 2023

## Annual Renewal 2023

Each year all PTs registered in Independent Practice are required to complete the annual renewal process which involves reviewing and verifying your personal and employment information, and paying your annual registration fee.

The 2023 annual renewal process will run from February 1 to March 31. **The fee this year is \$635.**

All PTs in Independent Practice must complete annual renewal and pay the registration fee by 11:59 p.m. on March 31 to avoid additional late fees.

You will complete annual renewal online using the PT Portal. Watch for an email on February 1.

If you have questions, please contact the Renewal Team at [renewal@collegept.org](mailto:renewal@collegept.org) or 1-800-583-5885 ext. 222.

## Annual Renewal

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## PISA 2023

The Professional Issues Self Assessment (PISA) runs concurrently with annual renewal between February 1 and March 31. PISA is a mandatory self-reflection exercise that all PTs must complete each year. This includes people with both Provisional Practice and Independent Practice certificates.

While PISA is mandatory, it is not scored so there is no pass or fail. There are 13 multiple choice questions designed to get you thinking about the standards and resources and how to apply them in your practice.

Watch for an email on February 1 with the link to complete PISA.

If you have questions, please contact [PISA@collegept.org](mailto:PISA@collegept.org) or 1-800-583-5885 ext. 235.

## PISA

# New Case of the Month: Think Twice Before Signing

During the pandemic, several workplaces introduced mandatory vaccination policies for employees. Some individuals would possibly qualify for medical exemptions, based on the guidance of health professionals such as physicians or nurses.

But what happens when a physiotherapist signs a medical exemption form for the COVID vaccination when they shouldn't? Read the latest Case of the Month to find out.

## Read the Case

### Practice Advice Question

*What kind of activities can count towards a physiotherapist's practice hours?*

Get the Answer

### Myth vs Fact

*A physiotherapist can refuse care in certain circumstances.*

Is this a myth or a fact?

Find Out



## Fees, Billing and Accounts Standard

Physiotherapists are accountable for any fee, billing or account that uses their name and registration number.

The Fees, Billing and Accounts Standard details the responsibilities of a physiotherapist to ensure that all fees are accurate for the services provided, and that fees are appropriately communicated to patients. The standard also specifies that PTs should always be aware of how their name and registration number are being used.

### Advice from the Practice Advisors when it comes to fees, billing and accounts:

Physiotherapists must ensure that any fee, billing or account that uses their name and registration number is an accurate reflection of the services and/or products provided.

Physiotherapists must never charge fees or create billings or accounts that are inaccurate, false or misleading.

**Stop:** Assuming that front desk staff or office managers are adequately auditing invoices billed under your registration number.

**Start:** Doing regular audits of invoices and billing practices to ensure accuracy and should any inaccuracies be discovered, take reasonable steps to correct the error.

Be sure to review the complete standard and call the Practice Advisors at 1-800-583-5885 (extension 241) if you're looking for additional guidance.

Read the Standard

## Check/Renew Your Liability Insurance

Reminder: you will be asked to confirm that you have a liability insurance policy that meets the College's requirements when you renew your registration. Take a second to check or renew your policy now.

Your liability insurance must include:

- A minimum coverage of \$5 million dollars for the annual policy period
- A liability limit of at least \$5 million dollars per incident
- No additional terms, conditions or exclusions, other than standard
- No deductible
- Tail insurance for a minimum of 10 years

Check with your employer to see if they have a policy that protects you. If it doesn't, it's your responsibility to arrange your own.

### Liability Insurance

## 2023 Council Elections - Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Council Elections! Nominate a PT you think would be a great addition to College Council. As a professional member of Council, you have the opportunity to participate in self-regulation and contribute to the safety and protection of physiotherapy patients across Ontario.

There are three Council seats up for election this year. In 2023, eligible nominators and nominees must live in:

- District 4 (Eastern)
- District 5 (Northern)
- District 8 (Central)

**If you live in a district up for election, please check your email for a link where you can nominate a physiotherapist.** Nominations cannot be submitted through the College website.

You can verify your district by checking your postal code on [the College website](#). Nominations close on February 22, 2023 at 2 p.m.

### About Elections

## Bill 106: Updates to Registration Timelines

In 2022, the Ontario government introduced [Bill 106](#) which included changes to the Regulated Health Professions Act.

Notably, Bill 106 (The Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Act) includes updated requirements for registration timelines.

As of January 1, 2023, the College will respond to all applications for registration within 15 days. Complete applications will also be processed within 15 days. This includes applications for Provisional and Independent Practice.

### Registration Process

# Welcome

## New Registrants

The College would like to welcome our newly registered physiotherapists.

[View the List](#)

## Questions? Ask the Advisor

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Call 1-800-583-5885 ext. 241 or 647-484-8800  
or email [advice@collegept.org](mailto:advice@collegept.org)

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