

What's the Difference?

Regulator vs. Association

College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (CPO)

Ontario Physiotherapy Association (OPA)

MISSION



Regulating physiotherapists to ensure Ontario's patients have access to safe, ethical, competent and equitable physiotherapy care.

Leadership through advocacy, professional development and career support services for members to provide quality physiotherapy to Ontarians.

MEMBERSHIP



All physiotherapists in Ontario must be registered with CPO and have appropriate qualifications to practice.

A non-profit health professional organization with physiotherapy members across Ontario.

PRIMARY ACTIVITIES



✓ Help patients make informed decisions about their care by maintaining a Public Register containing information about all registered PTs in Ontario.

✓ Raise public awareness of the value and purpose of physiotherapy so Ontarians can become healthier and stronger.

✓ Ensure quality physiotherapy care by setting the standards and developing programs to support PTs in their ongoing learning and development.

✓ Advocate to government and stakeholders to communicate the priorities of the physiotherapy profession.

✓ Consider all complaints or concerns about PTs and take action when needed to ensure patient and public safety.

✓ Focus on the needs of members to support and enable a thriving profession through advocacy, engagement and program delivery.