



COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

Council Highlights

From the 77th Meeting held Friday, October 3, 2014

Council approved the following by way of motion:

- A) Council revoked Standard of Practice 3.1.6 Anti-Snoring Devices and corresponding appendix D for 3.1.6 Anti-Snoring Appliances and directed that the Professional Practice Committee review the College's documentation on anti-snoring devices/appliances as part of the documentation review and/or revision project.

Council revoked this standard as there are a number of inconsistent statements contained in Standard of Practice 3.1.6.

Important Notice: Members who choose to undertake to fit and dispense anti-snoring devices should only do so with the requisite inter-professional health care collaboration, knowledge, skill and training. You must determine whether this is within your personal scope of practice, i.e. are you competent to provide this service?

- B) Council adopted a surplus retention policy which would permit the College to internally restrict funds in accordance with the two objectives namely 1) to enable the College to withstand negative unexpected financial events and 2) to maintain stability in the financial structure.

Council noted/ reviewed the following:

Summer Administration of the Qualifying Examination - The registrar and the College's assessment expert Dr. Anthony Marini, PhD delivered a presentation on the new format of the qualifying examination (QE) commencing with development and validation of the national competency profile for denturists for entry-to-practice, how the competency profile is the blueprint for the new clinical portion of the QE now referred to as objective structured clinical examination (OSCE), and how the cut (pass) score is determined. The cut score reflects the minimum performance level the candidate must demonstrate for this administration of the QE for entry to practice.

The QE consists of two parts: Part 1 is a one day multiple choice question examination (MCQ) and Part 2 is a two day OSCE. There were 20 OSCE stations of which 12 were interactive stations where the examination candidate was required to interact with a standardized denturism patient based on a practical/clinical scenario. There were also 8 non-interactive (quiet) stations where the candidate reviewed, for example, a denture model, photographs, etc., and was required to answer a series of interrelated questions in a multiple choice format. The MCQ assesses the

candidate's knowledge based on subject matter categories and the OSCE assesses the candidate's interpersonal skills + clinical knowledge + problem solving skills as laid out in the competency profile. Going forward, the MCQ will be mapped to the competency profile.

The QE was administered on July 10 (MCQ) and July 12 & 13 (OSCE) at Princess Margaret Hospital in conjunction with the University of Toronto's Standardized Patient Program. Fifty-three candidates attempted the QE of which 68% were successful. The complete slide presentation on the new QE development and results can be found on the website under the Registration-Examinations tab.

Last but not least, Council wishes to acknowledge and thank the members of the profession who dedicated countless hours of their professional time and expertise to: create the OSCE stations (the OSCE Working Group); be standard setters (determine the cut score for both the MCQ and the OSCE); and to the assessors who received comprehensive training on the OSCE assessment methodology and conducted the assessments of the candidates on the day of the OSCE.

Thank You To The Following Denturists

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Review and/ or Revision of College Documentation Project Relating to Legislation and Standards of Practice - Council member Patrick McCabe, chair of the Professional Practice Committee updated Council on the work of the committee. It was explained that much of the Committee's work had been focussed on discussing which individual standards needed to be reworked. However, it became increasingly clear that a more holistic approach and wide-reaching lens was required for the task at hand, and that there are many facets to establishing standards and best practices in a self-regulated health practitioner framework to ensure public safety. All of these components should be interwoven in completing the full picture of what a patient can expect when receiving care from a dentist. Many of the existing standards, guidelines, policies, processes, etc. have not undergone a review in a number of years, and there are gaps in common areas that are usually prevalent in the health professions regulatory environment. The College's standards of practice need to be articulated in plain language, and in such a manner that they define professional practice expectations taking into consideration current legislation and scope of practice. The chair's recommendation is that College step back and establish a better documentation framework, i.e. build a solid foundation to ensure that there is a connection between all of the documentation required to fulfill the College's public protection mandate. This comprehensive documentation review and/or revision work would be undertaken by the Professional Practice Committee. This project is in alignment with other

documentation and legislative revamping initiatives that have taken place over the past two years in governance, quality assurance and registration. Furthermore, there will be extensive member consultation in the coming months, and where applicable, feedback from other stakeholders will be sought.

Received information about - Georgian College's intention to seek approval from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to launch a denturism program.

Received notification that - a proposal requesting both conceptual and financial support from the Curriculum Advisory Committee, an independent standing committee of the Denturists Association of Canada had been submitted. This matter will be considered at the December Council meeting.

Received information that - the Office of the Fairness Commissioner had completed its final assessment of the College's registration practices. Recommendations with respect to internal processes would be implemented, and the Registration Committee and Qualifying Examination Committee would also be developing a number of policies for Council's consideration. The assessment overall was positive.

Next Council meeting - is scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2014, 9:00am to 4:30pm. Location will be confirmed on the CDO website under the Council tab, click [here](#).