



COLLEGE OF DENTURISTS OF ONTARIO

Message from the Registrar, Abena Buahene

About

The College's Document Revision Project

In Ontario, the law sets out the responsibilities, powers and procedures for the College of Denturists of Ontario to regulate the profession of denturism in the interest of public protection. Over the years, the College has developed and/or posted on its website a number of documents in furtherance of this mandate. These documents predominately consist of bylaws, code of ethics, standards of practice and guidelines, policies, guides, forms, and reports which are accessed and used by applicants, registrants, and the public alike. While the College's Council has approved several policies during the last few years, there has not been a review in many years of our documents overall. Since 2012, the College has been on a path of continuous improvement in a number of program areas (registration, quality assurance, complaints, qualifying examination, governance, etc.), and as part of this transition, the College recently determined that all of its documents should undergo a complete review (and then be reviewed on a regular basis) and a determination should be made as to whether a document needs to be revised or confirmation that the information in the document continues to be accurate, relevant and up-to-date.

The Professional Practice Committee (PPC) has been tasked with this exciting project and it will take place over the next 15-18 months. Work on the project has already begun and it entails a comprehensive review of our current documents against applicable legislation that governs the profession, our bylaws, the national competency profile, and policies. Where gaps and /or incongruities are discovered, they will be flagged and where, appropriate, these will be included in the revision or introduction of new documents. Using the "what is in the public interest" as its primary lens, the committee will consider such key questions to guide it in its work:

- Are there changes in the regulatory/College environment that impact on a document's content? Examples of this may be the development of other documents referred to in the document under review, internal policies or processes, or practice issues arising in the various program areas.
- Are there changes in the external environment that will impact on a document's content? Examples of this may be changes in legislation or regulations, terminology, government directives including the Office of the Fairness Commissioner, practice changes, or feedback to the College about the content of a document.

Stakeholder Consultation – Your Participation Is Important

As the PPC moves along in the project and revises and/or creates new documents, your feedback will be sought, where applicable, through a consultation process. Consultation will occur through a variety of methods: webinar focus groups, surveys, email or paper-based submissions. Please ensure that your contact information including your email is updated on your personal profile with the College. If you have not already done so, please check your email account security settings to ensure that info@denturists-cdo.com is placed on a "safe" list as some firewalls automatically place email blasts into your junk mail folder.

In summary, on behalf of the College, I would like to encourage you to provide feedback when you can and to thank you in advance for your participation in the consultation process(s). We have our work cut out for us, and at the end of this review, we will have resources that are current, accurate, complete and relevant to assist denturists with providing safe, ethical and competent services to their patients.