



College Happenings and Council Highlights

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Greetings everyone! I am pleased to provide you with the following updates on several items.

College Website

I am very pleased to announce that the College has launched its new website. This has been a two-year project for the College with all staff expending a tremendous effort reviewing and editing existing copy, writing new copy, and creating new guides and checklists. The updated site includes changes to navigation with drop down menus for both mobile and desktop versions. We have updated and improved the structure of the content, rebranded and revised documents, and constructed fillable forms that support the College's programs. The new site focuses on the needs of the public, applicants, and members of the College and is organized to provide users with quick and easy access to the most relevant information.

Some of you may have already visited the website. If you haven't had an opportunity to explore it, I would encourage you to do so. I trust that you will find it user-friendly and one which presents a positive, professional image for the profession of denturism. As always, we are interested in, and happy to receive, any thoughts or comments (info@denturists-cdo.com).

College Strategy Map

At its June 23, 2017 meeting, Council adopted the College's Strategy Map "Promoting Regulatory Excellence" for 2017-2020. This Map focuses the activities of the College and Council over the next three years. The Map centers on 3 main objectives: 1. Enhanced Communication and Stakeholder Engagement, 2. Excellence in Governance, and 3. Enhanced Relations with Educational Institutions. The Strategy Map and associated details on how the College will undertake to meet these strategy objectives can be found [here](#).

Election of new Council President

On June 23, 2017, Council elected Dr. Ivan McFarlane as its President for 2017-2018. The election of a public member of Council to the position of President conveys the College's commitment to the public interest mandate of the College. Dr. McFarlane's biographical sketch may be found [here](#).

Standards of Practice Project

On June 23, 2017, Council approved the revised [Standard of Practice: Confidentiality and Privacy](#) for implementation on **January 1, 2018**.

Council also approved the revised [Standard of Practice: Advertising](#) for implementation on **March 1, 2018**.

The College will be hosting educational webinars to assist members in preparing for the implementation of these Standards. The Guides to the Standard of Practice: [Confidentiality and Privacy](#) and [Advertising](#) are designed to assist denturists in understanding and applying the elements of the Standards.

Council approved the draft [Standard of Practice: Conflict of Interest](#) for stakeholder consultation. I would like to encourage you to take a few minutes to review this draft Standard and the accompanying [Guide](#). Once you have reviewed the documentation, you may complete the [short survey](#) if you wish to provide comments, feedback or have questions. Standard setting benefits from the input of all stakeholders and the College Council thanks you in advance for your contribution. Your feedback on this consultation is requested on or before **Friday, September 15, 2017**.

Bill 87 – the *Protecting Patients Act*

On May 30th, 2017 the *Protecting Patients Act* was passed in the Ontario Legislature. This legislation amended several statutes including the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*. You can view the government's news release [here](#). These amendments to the RHPA include an expanded definition of sexual abuse, mandatory public register information, and expanded power of the ICRC to order an interim suspension without referring a matter to the Discipline Committee. Details of these amendments may be found [here](#).

I trust this information is of use to you. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or comments. Best wishes for the remainder of the summer!

Best regards,



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