



**College of Occupational
Therapists of Ontario**



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New Videos Available to View and

As a regulatory organization, the College oversees the practice of occupational therapists (OTs) in Ontario. But how does the College work with OTs to ensure clients receive safe, effective care? We sought to answer this question in our new short videos.

All videos are available on the [College YouTube channel](#). Click the image above to view the first video and please take a few moments to view the others.

Feedback is welcome! Please send any comments to communications@coto.org.

Psychotherapy Proclaimed

Learn what the controlled act means to your practice.

Standard for Use of Title Psychotherapist

The controlled act of psychotherapy was proclaimed in December 2017. Proclamation means Ontario OTs are once again permitted to use the restricted title "psychotherapist" as long as they also identify themselves orally and in writing as an occupational therapist.



[Learn what you need to know about using the title "psychotherapist"](#)

Practice Questions

Read the latest case and find answers



Obtaining Consent for an Incapable Client When an SDM is not Available

Lily's client Davon's wheelchair cushion has a leak and is putting him at risk for skin breakdown. While reassessing Davon at the group home, Lily realizes his cognition has declined and he no longer has the capacity to consent. Davon's only remaining family member, his dad, has recently passed away leaving no one available to act as a substitute decision maker (SDM). [What should she do?](#)



Q & A

"I've reviewed the new Standards for the Use of Title and see that Standard 7 - Additional Credentials now allows OTs to use additional credentials, if the credentials meet the specified criteria. The Standards say OTs cannot communicate they are a Specialist. I am a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist and I am confused. [Can I use this credential?](#)"

Opportunities for OTs

Provide your feedback and get involved.



Provisional Supervision Consultation Open for Feedback until February 27, 2018

Were you a provisional occupational therapist or have you supervised or employed a provisional occupational therapist?

If so, please take a few minutes to provide your [feedback](#) on the proposed Provisional Registration Supervision Agreement and Provisional Registration Supervision Plan before **February 27, 2018**.



Opportunity to Volunteer

The Association of Canadian Occupational Therapy Regulatory Organizations (ACOTRO) is the national organization of occupational therapy regulators in Canada. The Substantial Equivalency Assessment System (SEAS) program evaluates the extent to which the education and competencies of internationally trained OTs are substantially equivalent to those of a Canadian-educated graduate.

ACOTRO is seeking three volunteers to participate in a mock assessment training experience for SEAS competency assessors on March 3, 2018. [Learn more.](#)

Registration Reminders

Mark your calendar now!



Annual Renewal Date Change

There has been a change to the annual renewal deadline, OTs must renew their registration by **May 31** of each year.

OTs who do not renew their registration on or before May 31, will be subject to a late fee.

Annual renewal opens on March 29, 2018. Watch your inbox for details and contact registration@coto.org if you have any questions.



Did you work for a CCAC? Be sure you update your employment information!

The College has received notification that Community Care Access Centres (CCAC) have transitioned to Local Health Integration Networks. If you have not already done so, please [log in](#) to the College website to update your employment information.



Important Security Information

We've improved the security of our [login](#) page to better protect your data. Because of these enhancements, you may be required to create a new password. See the [login](#) page for additional details. Please contact info@coto.org or phone us at 416.214.1177/1.800.890.6570 x236 for assistance.

MyQA Stats

Record completion rates

98% Completion!

October 31, 2017 marked the first deadline for the completion of QA requirements using MyQA. Our goal (and our legal obligation) is 100% compliance. To date:

- **98% of OTs have completed the PREP**
- **98% of OTs have completed their Self-Assessment**



By now, you should have your Professional Development (PD) Plan goals identified and in progress. **PD Plans are due May 31, 2018.** [Learn more about QA online.](#)

College Council

Read about the decisions College Council



Updated Language in Bylaws

On January 25, 2018, Council approved minor changes to support the use of consistent language throughout the bylaws.

All references to the formerly used phrase "that relates to the Registrant's practice of occupational therapy" changed to the phrase "relevant to the Registrant's suitability to practise occupational therapy" which is already used in Part 17 of the bylaws. [You can review the updated bylaws here.](#)

Read the January 25th Council Meeting Highlights

Missed the January Council meeting? Learn about Council's [key decisions](#) that affect the regulation of OTs.

All Council meetings are open to the public and materials are posted in advance of the meeting.

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