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Your College Council
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District 1 Election Results
College Council elections for District 1 (GTA and surrounding area) closed on March 6, 2019. Your newly elected Council members are:

- Deborah Hebert
- Aruna Mitra
- Michelle Stinson

Congratulations to our elected Council members and we thank all OTs who participated in this year’s elections.

Learn more about the work of College Council.

College Council Meeting Highlights

A new College Council executive was elected on March 28, 2019. Congratulations to our new Council executive:

- Julie Entwistle (President)
- Jeannine Girard-Pearlman (Vice-President)
- Peter Shenfield (Member at Large, Finance)
- Donna Barker (Member at Large, Education)

Read the highlights and learn about other key decisions from the March 28th College Council meeting on our website.

Professional Obligations
Your Responsibility to Keep Info Current
30 Days for Updates is the Law

The College needs to have accurate information about you as you are a regulated health professional.

Whenever there is a change to information, you are legally required to update your information with the College within 30 days of the change. This includes changes to:

- employer information
- home and business contact information
- email address for communication with the College
- insurance
- licenses or registration with other regulators.

Don't overlook this important obligation. If your information is not up-to-date, you may miss important correspondence and failing to reply to written inquiry from the College may be considered professional misconduct.

Take note! Employers, clients, and caregivers use the public register at Find an Occupational Therapist to find the most up-to-date publicly available information about you.

Take 5 minutes to make sure your profile is current. Update your information through the member login.

Any changes to your profile information in the last 30 days? Make sure you update your profile.

You and Your Practice

Find answers to your practice questions
Q&A: Providing Documentation for Service Animals

You asked us: As an OT, can I provide documentation to confirm that a person requires a service animal for reasons relating to their disability?

What steps should an OT follow when providing documentation for a person requiring a service animal?

View our answer

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

Contact our Practice Team at practice@coto.org or 1.800.890.6570/416.214.1177 x240.

Renewal & QA Reminders
OTs must complete their Renewal and PD Plan by May 31
Annual Renewal Now Open

Reminder: OTs are required to renew or resign online by May 31, 2019.

- If you do not renew or resign your registration by the May 31, 2019 deadline, you will receive notice that your registration will be suspended for non-payment of fees, if fees are not paid within 30 days.

- The College is required to publicly post all suspensions on the public register on the College website.

- No longer practising in Ontario? Retiring? Taking a parental or other leave? Learn more about your options on our website.

PD Plans Due May 31

OTs, by now you should be completing your Professional Development (PD) Plan.

To update and complete your PD plan, log in and select MyQA. Reminder: your PD plan is due May 31, 2019.

Need help with your Professional Development Plan?

- Listen to our "PD Plan 101" podcast
- Watch our "Completing Your PD Plan" webinar from last year
- You can view the latest information about deadlines, status of your requirements, access to information and more in Finding Your Way in MyQA.

Professional Development

Professional Development Funding Available to OTs

Allied Health Professional Development Fund

OTs, did you know that Health Force Ontario provides financial support for health professionals through the Allied Health Professional Development Fund?

The purpose of the fund is to develop clinical skills and enhance knowledge and leadership capacity among allied health professionals. Practicing members of nine allied health professions (which includes OTs) are eligible to apply for as much as $1,500 per year for professional development courses and programs.

Learn how you can apply for funding: www.ahpdf.ca