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Happy Holidays

Best wishes to you and your family from the College this holiday season.

The College will be closed from December 25, 2019 to January 1, 2020, and will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 8:30am.
Psychotherapy
Webinar FAQ and update on regulation of the controlled act

On November 5, 2019, the College practice team presented the "Conversations with the College" webinar on psychotherapy within occupational therapy practice. You can watch the recording on our YouTube channel. Answers to webinar FAQs are available on our website.

View the FAQ

In November, the Ministry of Health posted on the regulatory registry the proposed regulation for performance of the controlled act of psychotherapy by occupational therapists. The new regulation is being made under the Occupational Therapy Act, 1991, as effective January 1, 2020, only professionals authorized by their respective regulatory College will be able to perform the controlled act of psychotherapy.

More on the Regulation of the Controlled Act

Quality Assurance Update
Information about the peer and practice assessment
Selection letters for participation in a peer and practice assessment over the 2019-2020 registration year have been sent. Check your inbox for more information and visit the Competency Assessment web page to learn more.

More about the Peer and Practice Assessment

Reminder: QA Survey
Complete the Quality Assurance survey by December 23, 2019

If you haven’t already completed the Quality Assurance program competency assessment survey, please do so by 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 23, 2019. Share your thoughts about risks in occupational therapy practice and how they may inform the process of assessing the continuing competence of OTs. Learn more about the project online.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the focus group providing input on the draft survey!

Access the QA survey

Council Elections and Highlights
Call for Nominations and Council Meeting Highlights

Interested in contributing to public safety and quality occupational therapy services? Consider putting your name forward for Council.
If you work or live in District 2 (Hamilton, Niagara, Waterloo area) or District 4 (Ottawa, Kingston and area), you are invited to run for College Council. Nominations are now open and close January 29, 2020.

Eligible registrants should have an email from elections@coto.org with instructions on how to run or support a candidate for Council. If you have not received your email, please contact us.

Visit our elections page or watch our elections webinar to learn about serving on Council.

View the Elections page

Learn about key decisions in the highlights from the October 24 College Council meeting. All Council meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates and materials are posted online. Learn more about College Council.

Read the Highlights

Updated Q&A on Treatment Plans for Medical Cannabis

In July, the College published a Q&A about occupational therapists completing and signing treatment plans for the medical use of cannabis. Updated information is now posted.

Read the updated Q&A
Guide to the Child, Youth, and Family Services Act

Understand your reporting responsibilities under the CYFSA

The College's 2019 Guide to the Child, Youth, and Family Services Act, 2017 (CYFSA) is now available in English and French.

Reporting child abuse and neglect is your duty. Please review the Guide and be familiar with your reporting responsibilities under the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017 as they relate to the practice of occupational therapy.

More about our 2019 Guide

2019 Annual Report

In case you missed it, the College has released its 2019 Annual Report. We've accomplished a lot together this year. View the online version of the 2019 Annual Report at: annualreport.coto.org

The Annual Report is also available to download in PDF in French or English.

View our Annual Report online