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This month: New consultations open, going inactive & more

Access to Care Position Statement Released

CRPO has issued a new position statement on the importance of access to care for Ontarians. As a regulatory body, CRPO does not engage in political advocacy. Stakeholders, however, have asked for our position on the barriers the public may face in accessing psychotherapy services. Our response is in the statement.

[Read the statement](#)



Deborah Adams,

Message from the Registrar

In many ways, 2018 was an extraordinary year for CRPO. It was December 31, 2017--just about this time last year--that the provincial government proclaimed the controlled act of psychotherapy. As a result, much of those early weeks were spent constituting the Controlled Act Task Group at the College and working with government to set up the Controlled Act Advisory Committee.

Registrar

In April, we celebrated both our three-year anniversary as a college and being one year out from the close of grandparenting (and its final tsunami of membership applications). The end of June brought the conclusion to six very intense months of working on the controlled act documents. And this fall, we launched our inaugural town hall series.

In between, there were hundreds of new members registered, several public consultations, many resources launched and two registration exam sittings. Countless members were supported with fulfilling QA requirements, and dozens of meetings were held for our statutory committees and their panels. I'm grateful for the CRPO staff who worked diligently in so many ways to ensure that the psychotherapy services the public receives are competent, safe and effective.

I hope that you, too, feel a sense of accomplishment about 2018. I wish all members and stakeholders of CRPO a healthy, enjoyable, restful holiday season and all the best in 2019.

Two Public Consultations Now Open

CRPO Council recently authorized the 60-day circulation of a draft [Electronic Practice Guideline](#). Electronic practice is the second-most frequent topic of practice inquiries received by the College. Issues related to electronic practice are also commonly seen in the Peer & Practice Review component of the Quality Assurance Program. As such, the Quality Assurance Committee identified the need for a guideline on the topic to assist members in their practice. Please review the draft guideline here and provide feedback [via survey link](#) by February 8, 2019.

CRPO Council has also authorized a 60-day circulation of a draft regulation on [Defining "Client" for Sexual Abuse Provisions](#). CRPO drafted this regulation as a way of clarifying and preventing one particular type of sexual abuse: sexual contact between psychotherapists and their clients after care of the client has been completed. This draft regulation proposes that the client-therapist relationship extends to a period of five years after the conclusion of therapy. The significance of this change is that health care providers who engage in sexual contact with a client or patient without waiting for five years after therapy ends would be investigated for professional misconduct. The [Sexual Contact with Former Clients Within Five Years Post-Termination of Care policy](#) will continue to be posted on the CRPO website and enforced alongside this proposed regulation. The draft regulation is [available here](#). Please provide feedback [via survey link](#) by February 8, 2019.

Membership Renewals Begin February 1



This year, the renewal period for CRPO membership will open on February 1. Full details will be in the January Communiqué and are [available here](#).

If you will be transferring to the [inactive category](#) for the 2019 – 2020 membership year, you must upload [this completed form](#) to your CRPO account and notify College staff by **January 15, 2019**. Members who submit forms after this date will be invoiced for the **full RP annual fee**. Going inactive is not intended for leaves less than 12 months.

When Professional Practice Standards Clash With Employer Policies

CRPO member Veronica called our [practice advisory service](#) because she was feeling concerned that the policies at her place of employment clashed with CRPO's professional practice standards. She explained that she provides psychotherapy to people using their employee assistance plans. The problem is that her employer does not want Veronica to disclose to clients that they are only entitled to have four to five appointments with her.

[Read more](#)

Town Hall Questions Answered

After the success of our four town hall meetings, we've [pulled together a Q&A](#) of members' top questions. For those who asked for a simple explanation around supervision, [we delivered](#). You can also [check out the video](#) from the Toronto meeting for even more detailed answers.



[Get the form](#)

Securing Your CRPO Account

Users who forget the password to their CRPO [member account](#) can simply click “Forgot password?” to reset it. Users who forget their login name, however, need to email CRPO at info@crpo.ca. Avoid the hassle of both by storing this information in a secure place, or even better, by using a [password manager](#). And those security questions the system prompted you to answer when you created your account? Don't use real answers. Thanks to Facebook, information like your mother's maiden name or your favourite food is not private anymore. [Create fake answers](#) and then save that information in your [password manager](#).

Supervision Reminders

Gentle reminder: Qualifying members and RPs who have not yet completed 1,000 direct client contact hours and 150 clinical supervision hours are required to practise with clinical supervision. For more information, see section 4.2 Practising with Clinical Supervision in the [Professional Practice Standards](#).

Check your profile on CRPO's [Public Register](#) to see if you have terms, conditions, and limitations on your certificate of registration requiring you to practise with clinical supervision. To update your clinical experience hours, upload a completed [DCC Confirmation Form](#) and/or [Clinical Supervision Attestation Form](#) to the Documents tab of your user account and notify staff.

For an overview of [who can supervise whom](#), check out our website.



New Member QA Requirements

Did you join CRPO this fall? Remember, all members who have registered as of September 1, 2018, have **two months** to fulfill their new member PD requirements. Get [more info here](#) or email qa@crpo.ca for assistance.

Upcoming Council Meeting

The next meeting of CRPO Council will take place on March 1, 9:30 - 3:30 at the [CRPO office](#). Want to attend? Be sure to register ahead of time and review the [guidelines on attendance](#). Seating is limited and so you are asked to ensure you have a confirmation before attending!

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