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Going Inactive? FINAL REMINDER: Your Deadline is Tomorrow

Final reminder: if you will be transferring to the [Inactive category](#) for the 2019 – 2020 CRPO membership year, you must upload [this completed form](#) to your CRPO account and notify College staff by tomorrow, 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.



Deborah Adams,
Registrar

Message from the Registrar

Welcome back to CRPO members. I hope you and your families had a safe and healthy holiday season.

I am personally excited about what this new year promises for our corner of the regulatory world. Interesting developments are happening among Ontario's health regulatory colleges in response to greater demands for public accountability.

Those of you who attended our town halls last fall will recall president Andrew Benedetto and I discussing CRPO's turn to right touch regulation. This is the philosophy of regulation that takes a proportionate, evidence-based approach towards how regulators keep the public safe. There are eight elements to this

approach:

- Identify the problem before the solution
- Quantify and qualify the risks
- Get as close to the problem as possible
- Focus on the outcome
- Use regulation only when necessary
- Keep it simple
- Check for unintended consequences
- Review and respond to change.

Several regulatory bodies in Ontario have been turning in the “right touch” direction, and CRPO is not far behind. In 2019, as we work to articulate a strategic vision for the college that is underpinned by this approach, we will be considering how our governance practices support the right touch way. This means, for example, making sure that Council and committees are supported to develop competencies and best practices that will serve our public protection mandate, and that our policies and by-laws do the same.

I’m looking forward to an exciting year of growth and change at CRPO. I wish all of you a wonderful happy new year.



Education Program Meeting

CRPO will be hosting a meeting of education program representatives on January 30 to discuss clinical supervision, the use of the Professional Practice & Jurisprudence e-Learning (JRP) Module, results from the registration exam, the review and recognition process and other matters of shared concern. Participants would ideally attend in person at the CRPO office, but remote attendance is possible. To RSVP, please use [this survey link](#); for inquiries, please email Alexandra Brennan at a.brennan@crpo.ca.

Health Information Breaches

New rules under the *Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA)* indicate that health information custodians, including psychotherapists, are required to report

statistics relating to health privacy breaches annually to the office of the Privacy Commissioner.

The [online statistics submission website](#) is now open for you to submit your statistics for the 2018 reporting year. Psychotherapists that have experienced at least one health privacy breach during the 2018 reporting year—from January to December—are required by law to complete the online questionnaire. The deadline to submit is **Friday, March 1, 2019**. Health information custodians that have zero health privacy breaches to report for 2018 should not submit a statistical report.

To begin, send an email to statistics.ipc@ipc.on.ca including all of your contact information and you will be provided with a login ID. You will then be able to reset the password. The Commissioner has also produced a [frequently asked questions](#) document you may find helpful.

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 Feb. 1

The membership renewal window opens February 1 and closes April 1. You'll be able to renew quickly and easily by clicking on the Renew tab in your member account. Preview the [process here](#).

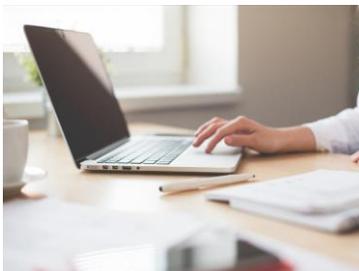
Attention Applicants -- Know Your JRP Expiry Date!

You must submit your application within **two years** from the date you complete the Jurisprudence e-Learning (JRP) Module. Failure to submit an application in the specified time frame will result in your account being closed. You will then be required to pay for and re-do the JRP module. If you are unsure about the date you completed the JRP module, please contact staff at info@crpo.ca.

Out of Province Members

As a new regulatory college, CRPO is not permitted to impose residency or citizenship requirements on individuals who apply to CRPO. Hence it is possible for an individual who resides in another province, or anywhere in the world, to become registered with CRPO.

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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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