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Member Information on the Public Register

Pursuant to the new Health System Improvements Act and the College's application of it, Council approved a recommendation from the Executive Committee that our College's public register will not include the results of discipline and incapacity proceedings which have been removed as of June 3, 2009. In other words, whatever is private now remains private and whatever is public now remains public.

Pilot Program to Support Dentists in Crisis with Addiction Issues

Council authorized staff to take all necessary steps to move forward with the implementation of a one-year pilot project to establish a program to assist Ontario dentists in crisis with addiction issues. The program is to be operated as a collaboration between the Ontario Dental Association and the College.

Teleseminars Pilot Project

Council approved a motion from the Quality Assurance Committee to offer in 2009 a series of teleseminars to members across the province as a new educational service. The content of the teleseminars will be developed with the University of Toronto and the University of Western Ontario. Each seminar will be 45 minutes in length. Participants will have an opportunity to participate in a question and answer session in real time. If the pilot project is successful, the service could be expanded in future years to include audio plus a visual component online in real time. Watch for more details in the first issue of Dispatch magazine in 2009.

Guidelines on the Use of Sedation and General Anaesthesia in Dental Practice

Council approved, in principle, the proposed new guidelines. The revised guidelines will now be circulated to members and stakeholders, even though there is no formal requirement to do so, before they come back to the Quality Assurance Committee and Council for final approval. The new proposed guidelines were developed by a working group chaired by Dr. Daniel Haas and other members including Dr. Cameron Clokie (oral surgeon), Dr. David Harper (general dentist), and Dr. Ian McConnachie (paediatric dentist).

Ongoing Revision of Guidelines

Council has struck a working group, chaired by Dr. Gordan Markic, to make recommendations to the Quality Assurance Committee on improvements to the electronic recordkeeping portion of the current Guidelines on Dental Recordkeeping. Plus, Council approved the support of the national development of revised Guidelines on Implantology and has asked the Quality Assurance Committee to report on the financial implications of the development of such guidelines.

Support to Retired Dentists Teaching at University Level

The College will reimburse the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto and the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario for the annual membership fee of dentists retired from practice who are teaching in the dental faculty/school and meet the criteria set by Council. The reimbursement will cover up to 10 dentists per institution.

Professional Liability Program (PLP) Changes

Council approved a recommendation from the PLP Committee that will raise the individual step-up deductible provisions of the PLP insurance policy for members with multiple claims of a similar nature. Also approved was an internal operational policy so that the PLP Committee will have the ability to reduce the step-up deductible for members who have taken or are prepared to take remedial action to improve their practice. These changes become effective on January 1, 2010.

New Approach to Jurisprudence & Ethics Course

Successful completion of a course in jurisprudence and ethics is a non-exemptible requirement for registration with the College. Typically this two-day course is given at the College offices in Toronto, regardless of where the dentist originally comes from. Work is now underway to create a new web-based course that will mean every applicant has equal access to the course with no barriers due to geography, travel and accommodation costs or time. All the support and reference materials will be online too. As well, this new J&E course will become part of the College's continuing education program with a CE point allocation. The course is targeted to be online starting in 2010.

Labour Mobility

The College is hosting a two-day meeting of the country's dental regulators and others on January 23 and 24, 2009 in Toronto to address the issues raised by the proposed revisions proposed by federal/provincial/territorial governments to Chapter 7 of the Agreement on Internal Trade that deals with labour mobility. Check out The Back Page column in the November/December 2008 issue of Dispatch magazine to read the backgrounder on this issue from the College Registrar Irwin Fefergrad.

New Quality Assurance Regulation Receives Final Approval

Council approved 12 separate recommendations from the Legal and Legislation Committee with changes to the College's by-laws and regulations required by the amendments to the Regulated Health Professions Act that take effect on June 4, 2009 or earlier. These changes included final approval to the new Quality Assurance Regulation. All these by-law changes had already been circulated to members and stakeholders for input.

RCDSO Representative on the National Dental Examining Board

Council approved the appointment of Dr. Peter Fendrich of London, Ontario, as the College's representative on the Board. The appointment is for a four-year term.

RCDSO Representatives on Provincial Dentistry Review Committee

The College has reappointed the following three dentists to the Dentistry Review Committee: Dr. Peter Judd, Dr. David Psutka and Dr. Susan Sutherland.