

## Council Meeting - December 15, 2017

### SUBMISSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED AUTHORITY FOR RDS TO ORDER LABORATORY TESTS FOR NUTRITION ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

Council approved the submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (Ministry) regarding the proposed authority for dietitians to order laboratory tests. In September 2017, the Minister informed the College that, as part of his Ministry's *Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care*, they were reviewing the 2008 submission requesting that ordering of laboratory tests be included in the dietitian scope of practice.

The College included feedback from a member survey, comments from dietetic educators and feedback from other health colleges.

### CYBER-SECURITY AND PASSWORD POLICIES

Council reviewed the College's cyber security and password policies necessary for preserving the security of our data and technology infrastructure.

### COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

#### Strategic Direction

The Communications Manager provided an update of College communications for 2017. College communications are aligned with the College's Strategic Plan (2016-2020), especially:

**GOAL 2: Competent Members Engaged in Effective Informed Practice**, specifically that the College is committed to providing specific and relevant support to dietitians in all areas of dietetic practice.

**GOAL 3: Stakeholders Recognize the College as an Accountable Regulator for Public Protection.** To achieve this goal, the College is committed to educating the public, members and other stakeholders about how it fulfills its public protection mandate through innovative communications.

**GOAL 4: A Collaborative Partner.** The College looks for opportunities to collaborate with other organizations to advance our public protection mandate.

#### About Professional Boundaries

This year, communication projects focused mainly on professional boundaries. They were designed to inform both

members and the public about how important it is to maintain strong professional boundaries to preserve trust in the RD-Client therapeutic relationship. The boundary projects included the College workshops which took last Fall and the creation of three videos currently posted on our YouTube channel. A new web page with links to College resources about professional boundaries, a learning module based on the Fall workshops and a video-quiz are currently being developed. See page 11, *Beyond Boundary Basics*, for more details.



#### Public Information

The College's public information plan included the promotion of videos and articles about professional boundaries, quality assurance and practice standards. They were featured on our Facebook and Youtube channels, online in Zoomer and Carp magazines, and in community newspapers, blogs and websites.

#### Collaboration with other Colleges

The College worked with the *Federation of Regulatory Health College of Ontario* to create a website and a video to explain how Ontario health regulators work to protect the public. The [ontariohealthregulators.ca](http://ontariohealthregulators.ca) website offers information in ten languages. It directs people to the websites of the 26 Ontario health regulators for reliable information about their regulated health professionals. Click the image to view the video:

