

RDs Have Authority to Act as Evaluators

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has formally communicated to the College that RDs now have the legal authority to act as "evaluators" for the purpose of the *Health Care Consent Act* (1996) to find a person capable or incapable of providing consent with respect to admission to a care facility, where consent is required by law.

The College was recently informed of a resource that was developed from a collaborative research project completed at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and a Community Care Access Centre. The authors developed this resource for health care providers and are keen to share it with those who act as evaluators in Ontario.

The document's foreword indicates: "The purpose of this manual is to provide practical assistance to health practitioners completing capacity for admission to long-term care homes. It covers the legislative framework for

capacity evaluation, guidelines for completing the evaluation, and highlights ethical issues arising from the evaluation process. It also includes results from court decisions and Consent and Capacity Board Hearings. The manual is intended to enhance competency in the evaluation of capacity when health practitioners are unable to presume a person is capable."

The College has posted this resource at [www.cdo.on.ca: Resources > Practice Standards & Resources > Scope of Practice, Controlled Acts & Authority Mechanisms > Assessing Capacity for Admission into Long-Term Care Homes](http://www.cdo.on.ca/Resources/PracticeStandards&Resources/ScopeofPractice,ControlledActs&AuthorityMechanisms/AssessingCapacityforAdmissionintoLong-TermCareHomes)

Or directly at the following link:

<http://www.ccac-ont.ca/Upload/central/General/ConsentandCapacityTrainingManual.pdf>

Updating Your Membership Profile

UPDATE YOUR PROFILE WITHIN 30 DAYS

Under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, as a member of the College, you are required by law to inform the College within 30 days of any changes in your contact or employment information. Also, during the registration renewal period, from August 15 to October 15 every year, you must verify that your profile information is updated.

Make these changes in writing only:

- Name
- Change in immigration and citizenship status

Make these changes online:

- Change of employer
- Employer address and phone number
- Home address and phone number
- Preferred mailing address and email

YOUR OBLIGATIONS WHEN YOU ARE NOT WORKING

If you are unemployed or are on leave for any reason (e.g., maternity/paternity leave, disability or other personal leave), you must update your profile online to reflect this. Access your Member Home Page; under the 'Update My Profile' section, select 'Practice Profile'. Indicate your current working status.

RESIGNATIONS

Please advise the College if you wish to resign to avoid having your membership suspended or revoked due to non-payment of fees. Suspensions and revocations are noted in a person's record and will remain on the Register of Dietitians indefinitely. The Register is posted on the College's website.

To resign online, login to the members site and select "Resign your Membership". To resign in writing, send a signed letter or fax to the *Registrar & ED* indicating your intention to resign.