

Update: Physiotherapy Scope of Practice Review

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On June 30, 2008 the physiotherapy profession submitted its proposal for changes to the Physiotherapy Act and other pieces of legislation to the Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Committee (HPRAC). The review initiated by HPRAC in April focussed on PT scope of practice and the controlled act scheme, with the aim of ensuring that patients are able to access the full range of competencies and services that physiotherapists can provide in an interprofessional collaborative care environment. The full submission can be found at www.collegept.org or www.opa.on.ca and is the direct result of a strong partnership between the Ontario Physiotherapy Association, the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario and the Chairs of the five academic programs in Ontario.

The partners actively participated in public consultation on the submission over the month of August. HPRAC submitted its recommendations to the government and more directly the Minister of Health and Long Term Care on August 31, 2008. As the release of HPRAC's recommendations is at the discretion of the Minister, we are not privy to the content of those recommendations at this time.

During the consultations, HPRAC indicated that legislative changes may be proposed this fall. We will provide an update as soon as we know more information.

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