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Why regulate homeopathy?

The *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA) and health profession acts, such as the *Homeopathy Act, 2007*, provide a consistent framework for Ontario's regulated health professions. The RHPA incorporates a number of underlying principles, including:

- Advancing the public interest;
- Protecting the public from unqualified, incompetent or unethical health care providers;
- Promoting accountability among health care professionals;
- Encouraging public access to health care professionals of their choice;
- Respecting all styles of practice provided the public is protected;
- Enhancing interprofessional collaborative care for the benefit of the patient; and
- Continuing quality improvement across professions.

There are advantages to the profession of homeopathy being a regulated health profession, including:

- Recognition of homeopathic competency, training and education by patients, insurers, government, and other health care professionals;
- Increased level of consistency of the patient experience;
- Increased level of professionalism, access and respect; and
- Opportunity to establish uniform baselines for patient care by setting requirements for education, training, ethics and professional standards, and by incorporating continuing improvement.

Self-regulation has important benefits for both the patient and homeopath. To find out more about the regulatory process and how regulation will impact you, please visit our website at www.collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca.

Role of the Transitional Council

The transitional Council of the College of Homeopaths of Ontario (TC-CHO) is a statutory body mandated to regulate the homeopathic profession and to set standards for the profession in Ontario. TC-CHO is responsible for establishing the College of Homeopaths of Ontario to allow self-regulation of the homeopathy profession within the framework of the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA)* and the *Homeopathy Act, 2007*. It has the specific duty to protect the public interest.

Did you know?

Once the process to regulate the profession of homeopathy is in place and proclaimed into law, the transitional Council of the College of Homeopaths of Ontario is the **ONLY** organization that may assess applicants and determines who is competent and qualified to use the title "Homeopath", and to legally register homeopaths. If a practitioner wishes to practice as and call him or herself a homeopath they **MUST** register with the College of Homeopaths of Ontario.

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What is the transitional Council of the College of Homeopaths of Ontario?

It **IS** a regulatory health college/council. It is **NOT** an educational institution or a professional/advocacy association.

The role of the regulatory college versus the educational institute and professional association are distinctly different. The table below and on page 3 help to illustrate these differences.

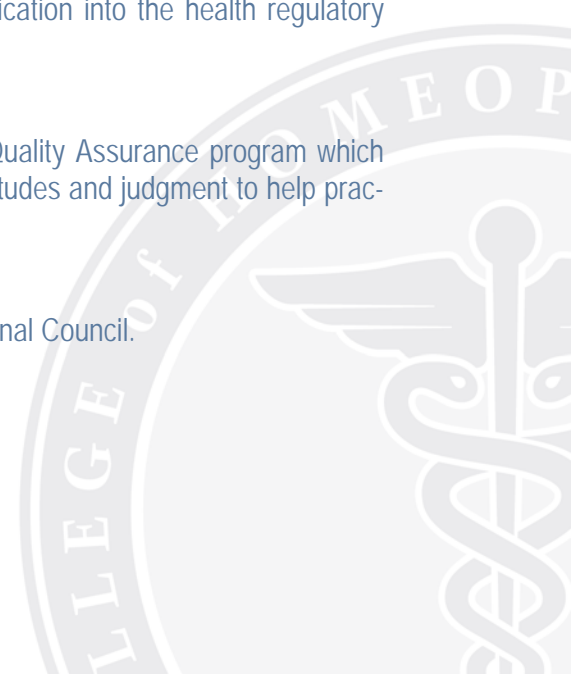
ROLE	REGULATORY COLLEGE	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION
Setting Entry-to-Practice Competencies*	Sets entry-to-practice competencies for the profession.	Teach to or exceeds competencies.
Setting Entry-to-Practice Requirements	Sets entry-to-practice requirements for the profession.	Teach to or exceeds entry-to-practice requirements.
Assessment	Assesses all applicants against entry-to-practice requirements.	Assesses students against program standards.
Continuing Education and Continuous Quality Improvement	Requires ongoing mandatory quality assurance and monitors compliance on a variety of regulatory, competence and safety issues.	Creates or provides profession specific education resources and conferences.
Professional Standards	Establishes safe and ethical professional standards in conjunction with the profession and its leaders.	Teaches to established professional standards.

* What are entry-to-practice competencies?

- Competencies are significant, job related knowledge, skills, abilities, attitudes and judgment required for competent performance by members of the profession.
- Competencies are set by using an accepted defensible process to determine practice standards.
- Competencies, which form the basis for competence-based assessment, are worded in terms of what is required for the individual to practice safely and effectively, as determined by profession experts working on behalf of the regulatory council/college.
- Entry-to-practice competencies are one component of the draft registration regulation and will be used as a basis to assess new graduates as well as experienced homeopaths upon application into the health regulatory body the College of Homeopaths of Ontario.

Competences will also be used in the development of the College's mandatory Quality Assurance program which promotes continuous education and maintenance of knowledge, skills, abilities, attitudes and judgment to help practitioners perform their job in a competent manner and to protect the public.

This definition of entry-to-practice competencies has been approved by the transitional Council.



ROLE	REGULATORY COLLEGE	PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
Overall Role	Public Protection	Advancement of the Profession
Accountability	To Government	To Profession
Reporting Relationship	To Council and Government	To Board of Directors and Membership
Setting Regulations	Develops (in consultation with stakeholders) and enforces statutory regulations related to registration, professional misconduct, quality assurance, informed consent, advertising, and others issues.	Has no regulatory function, but may choose to take part in the consultation process.
Setting Guidelines, Standards and Policies	Develops (in consultation with stakeholders and the profession) and enforces guidelines, standards and policies on a variety of issues related to patient interaction, treatment, safety, privacy of information, ethical conduct, and other issues.	Has no regulatory function, but may choose to take part in the consultation process.
Title	Has authority over professional title.	Has no authority over title.
Disciplines	Investigates complaints from the public or health care professionals against registrants and disciplines registrants as necessary.	Has no authority over discipline.
Malpractice Insurance	Requires malpractice insurance but does not facilitate access.	May provide or facilitate access to malpractice insurance.
Privileges and Services	Maintains the privilege of self-regulation.	Provides member services including but not limited to business enhancements services and discount programs.
Public Education	Educates the public on professional qualifications and standards, and the regulatory and complaints process.	Promotes the profession to the public to increase awareness, use of homeopathy, and third party payor coverage.
Media Relations	Media relations on regulatory issues.	Media relations on general issues.
Setting Entry-to-Practice Requirements and Competencies, and Continuous Quality Improvement	With a focus on public safety and protection sets training and education requirements for those entering practice. Sets entry-to-practice competencies. Provides structure and enforces continued competency of registered practitioners.	Creates and/or provides profession specific education resources and conferences.
Consultations	Consults with government, public and profession on regulations, standards, guidelines and policies affecting the profession.	Provides feedback on behalf of the profession and its members.
Legislative Changes	Consults with government on development of new and changing legislation which impacts patient safety and access.	Lobbies government and regulatory bodies to improve members' practice and patients' access.
Member Practices and Suggested Fee Schedules	Sets and enforces policies, standards and guidelines related to financial management of patient billings and transactions.	Sets recommended fee structure for profession.

TC-CHO Mission Statement

The mission of the transitional Council of the College of Homeopaths of Ontario (TC-CHO) is to protect the public interest through self-regulation of the practice of homeopathic medicine by setting high standards for competency and ethical practice. This is achieved through consultation with stakeholders in accordance with the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991, and the Homeopathy Act, 2007.

(Approved in principle by Council January 22, 2010)

Countdown to Proclamation

The countdown to proclamation has now been firmly set for completion in 2013. At the May 30, 2011 meeting the transitional Council confirmed its commitment to complete its mandate by 2013, and put the necessary infrastructure for the College of Homeopaths of Ontario in place so that pre-registration of members can begin sometime in 2012.



Council Highlights

July 15, 2011

The following are highlights from the July 15, 2011 Council meeting:

- Transitional Council confirmed its commitment to complete its mandate by 2013, and put the necessary infrastructure for the College of Homeopaths of Ontario in place so that pre-registration of members can begin sometime in 2012.
- Council reviewed, discussed and approved the draft of the Registration, Professional Misconduct, and Quality Assurance regulations for broad distribution and 60-day formal consultation.

Regulations to be Released Shortly

The draft Registration, Quality Assurance and Professional Misconduct regulations will be released on or before August 15. If you wish to receive a hard-copy of these regulations please send your name and mailing address to info@collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca. It is important that you read and respond to these draft regulations. We look forward to your involvement in the upcoming consultation process. Your comments will be reviewed and considered.

Thank you to all who have signed up for the "Information Alert Service".

Not signed up yet? Have a question?

Contact us at

info@collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca



Council Committee & Working Group List

Assessment Working Group

John Millar, Chair (*professional*)
John Curran (*public*)
Eden Gajraj (*public*)
Luba Plotkina (*professional*)
Bhupinder Sharma (*professional*)
Kelly Warren (*public*)

Communications Working Group

Eden Gajraj, Chair (*public*)
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Executive Committee

Jim Dunsdon, *President* (*public*)
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Ling Goh (*professional*)
Margaret Martin (*public*)
Luba Plotkina (*professional*)

Governance Working Group

John Curran, Chair (*public*)
Whitney Collins (*professional*)
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Jim Dunsdon (*public*)
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Professional Practice Working Group

Whitney Collins, Chair (*professional*)
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Registration Committee

Wangari Muriuki, *Chair* (*public*)
Violetta Ilkiw (*professional*)
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Steering Working Group

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Last Call! Important Reminder

Apply NOW for these important volunteer positions!

Application Return Date: August 11, 2011

Call/Application Distributed: July 19, 2011

The transitional Council is currently recruiting volunteers to help us accomplish the many tasks involved in the historic development of the College of Homeopaths of Ontario. TC-CHO is recruiting highly talented and skilled individuals to join select committees and fill essential resource positions to assist in the implementation of the regulation of homeopathy in the province of Ontario.

Positions Available:

- Competency Working Group Members
- Clinical Practice Working Group Members
- Administrative Support
- Writer(s)
- Translators (English to French)
- Editorial Assistant
- Information Systems Analyst
- Communication Assistant
- Web Designer and Developer
- Policy Analysts

Please return your application package including:

1. Complete the TC-CHO Application Form*
2. Complete the Self Assessment Screening Tool*
3. Attach your resume

* Found on the website at www.collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca

No later than August 11, 2011 to:

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Upcoming Events

- Aug 2011 60-day Public Consultation on Draft Regulations Begin
- Aug 30, 2011 Council Meeting
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
163 Queen Street East, Toronto, ON
- TBA Open Information Sessions for public and homeopaths (Locations and dates to be announced.)
- Oct 2011 60-day Public Consultation on Draft Regulations Ends
- Sept 26, 2011 Council Meeting
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
163 Queen Street East, Toronto, ON
- Nov 27, 2011 Two-day Council Meeting
Nov 28, 2011 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location to be confirmed.
- Feb 27, 2012 Council Meeting
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Location to be confirmed.

Transitional Council meetings are open to the public to observe. As space is limited and time, date or location may change members of the public who would like to observe a transitional Council meeting should provide advance notice of their interest in attending.

If you wish to observe a Council meeting, please contact us by email at info@collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca or by telephone at 416-862-4780.

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If you know a homeopath who has not yet received communications directly from the transitional Council please pass on this newsletter.

Information Alert Service

If you are a practicing homeopath, homeopathic student, or have a direct or indirect interest in the regulation of homeopathy, we encourage you to sign up for our "Information Alert Service". We send out regular and frequent updates.

To sign up for this service, please contact us at info@collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca or complete the information form below. By providing your complete mailing address you will be assured to receive a hard copy of the regulations and other consultation documents by mail.

NOTE: Signing up for the Information Service DOES NOT imply, in any manner, that you are registered with the transitional Council or College.

Do we have your full contact info?

The transitional Council will be sending out information email and Canada Post. By providing your contact information it will ensure that you are informed about the process of self-regulation of the homeopathic profession. Please complete and return this form to info@collegeofhomeopaths.on.ca or fax to 416-874-4077.

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City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

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Fax: Business / Home _____

Email: Primary _____

Alternate _____