



# COLLEGE CALLINGS

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## COLLEGE CREATES \$100,000 PhD SCHOLARSHIP

*College donates \$100,000 to the University of Alberta's Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine to establish a centenary PhD Scholarship for Physical Therapists.*

This investment not only supports a key College's priority—to ensure the public receives competent, ethical physical therapy services—it will also help promote advanced research within the profession and help develop new leaders in physical therapy. The faculty's Dean, Martin Ferguson-Pell, said that he, the faculty and university are gratified by the gift, especially considering the many competing demands on the College's finite resources. The Dean said the College's investment will:

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## EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE

The College will be holding an Extra-ordinary General Meeting. Details are as follows:

**DATE:** Saturday April 18, 2009

**TIME:** 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Glenrose Auditorium, Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital, 10230 - 111 Ave. Edmonton.

Meeting will be broadcast via Telehealth. Further details will be forthcoming.

**AGENDA:** 1) Proposed bylaw amendment.

2) Presentation on dissolution of the Alberta Physiotherapy Association and transfer of member services to the College of Physical Therapists of Alberta.

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## PHYSICIAN REFERRAL AND PracIDs

Physical therapists may have heard that effective April 1, 2009 physical therapists will be added to the list of healthcare providers who can refer to physicians for consultation. In order for the physician to bill for the referral, the referring physical therapist requires a 'PracID number,' which is issued by Alberta Health and Wellness.

Council has directed College staff to develop referral and consultation guidelines before Alberta Health and Wellness issues any PracID numbers to physical therapists. This does not prevent physicians from accepting referrals, they just can't bill for the referral until a PracID number is available. The College will be working on guidelines in the near future and will provide further information to members as it becomes available.



## COUNCIL NEWS

*Key highlights, discussions and decisions made during Council's November 2008 and January 2009 meetings*

### POLICY DEVELOPMENT/DECISIONS

**Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Alberta College of Pharmacists (ACP)** - for some time, the College and the ACP have been working to develop a MOA on collaborative prescribing. Council reviewed and approved in principle a draft MOA. The draft outlines the obligations of each College and provides a framework to support developing relationships between physical therapists and pharmacists to enable patient access to timely drug therapy. Further work on this model of care will be completed this year.

**Approved employers** - Section 20 of the Physical Therapy Profession Act, General Regulation creates business arrangement rules that physical therapists must adhere to. In addition to physical therapy corporations, hospitals, government agencies and nursing homes, Section 20(2)(d) states physical therapists can accept employment from other employers approved by Council.

Council approved the following desired outcome and specific criteria related to approving employers:

*The purpose of reviewing and approving employers is to protect the public by ensuring physical therapists employed by an organization receiving 'approved employer' status can provide competent, quality and ethical physical therapy services. This can be achieved when physical therapists uphold their professional responsibilities which includes adherence to standards of practice, the code of ethics and other rules and regulations.*

#### Approval criteria:

- Employer providing evidence of their responsibilities regarding employing physical therapists. E.g., awareness of governing legislation, code of ethics, practice standards.
- Employer providing evidence of practice environment in which physical therapists may practice autonomously.
- Employer agreeing to allow College access to premises to conduct inspections and/or practice visits.

- On ongoing basis by physical therapists participating in practice visits (developed as part of continuing competence program).

### APPROVED EMPLOYER REQUEST

Council approved Caleo Health, Calgary as an approved employer of physical therapists.

### APPROVAL OF COUNCIL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Alison Thornton was appointed as Council's student representative for the 2008-2009 year.

### ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVE

Along with the Registrar, Harry Davis (Council's public member) was nominated as a College representative to the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators Board of Directors.

### REACHING FORWARD CONFERENCE 2008

Council reviewed the conference's final report. While the conference resulted in a deficit, Council continues to support the conference and recognizes the value of translating student and clinician research into practice.

### CONNECTING WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council welcomes member questions and comments. Members can contact their elected Council members at the following email address:

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## PRACTICE ADVICE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (Q&As)

*Applying legislation, standards, policies, and guidelines to real life practice*

College Callings Practice Advice Q&A profiles some of the many member questions received by the College. Featuring some of the most frequently asked questions in College Callings, enables all members to benefit from the practice advice and information given. This issue's topic involves working as a 'consultant' and some of the associated issues and considerations.



Have you ever been asked to continue to treat a former or discharged patient in their home? Or provide additional treatment on a freelance basis? Many members have, judging from the practice advice questions the College receives. What may seem like a very simple and easy patient request, really isn't. In fact, providing physical therapy services to former patients in their own home involves some complex considerations, responsibilities and decisions. Here are just a few issues to consider.

### 1. How will you meet your professional obligations?

College standards and healthcare legislation applies regardless of employment setting or practice environment. Consider how you would manage issues such as:

- Patient privacy and confidentiality.
- Record management and storage:
  - i. Charting - maintaining assessment and treatment records.
  - ii. Billing and maintenance of financial records.
- Infection prevention and control.
- Possible conflict of interest.

### 2. In what context will you be delivering services? What business arrangements will be required?

- Will you be working as a self-employed consultant? Or will you establish a physical therapy corporation if contracts increase and/or continue?
- Do you comply with business arrangement rules defined in the Physical Therapy Profession Act?
- Have you considered professional liability (malpractice) insurance that covers errors, omissions, negligence or malpractice related to patient care?
- Do you need additional general or commercial insurance coverage?

These are just a few of the issues, considerations and decisions related to what on the surface seems like a simple and easy

request—to treat a patient in their home. Providing freelance services, regardless of frequency, actually requires careful planning and forethought.

Some resources to help you make an informed decision include:

- *Guide to Privacy for Physical Therapists*. Published by the College and available at [www.cpta.ab.ca](http://www.cpta.ab.ca).
- College Callings, Fall 2008 - practice advice Q&As on administrative and technical privacy safeguards for home-based physical therapy service providers.
- *Business in Clinical Practice*, by physical therapist Diana Hopkins-Rossee (available from the Canadian Physiotherapy Association) offers a good introduction to the 'business of' physical therapy service delivery.
- Business advisors, solicitors and accountants.

## COLLEGE CREATES PhD SCHOLARSHIP

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- Provide much needed student support and be a gift that continues to grow and give.
- Help the university's physical therapy discipline flourish and attract bright students to assume leadership positions in education, research and practice.
- Send a positive message to provincial government and other healthcare organizations that investing in healthcare education helps ensure the continuance of quality healthcare providers and services.

Similar donations were also made by the Alberta College of Occupational Therapists and the Alberta College of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists.

## NEW COLLEGE WEBSITE

Coming soon

The College will be launching its new, expanded website in the next few months. The new site was designed around the College's key stakeholders, with a focus on members, the public, new applicants, and employers. The site contains new content/sections, incorporates our new branding and will be easier to use/navigate.



## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

For October 1, 2008 through January 31-2009. Verify registration status via the online member directory at [www.cpta.ab.ca](http://www.cpta.ab.ca).

### NEW/RETURNING

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Lindsey Jean  
Zorianna Kohut  
Thomas Kuruvilla  
Andrea Lehenbauer  
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Jodi-Lynn Martel  
Charlene Olm  
Carol Quinn  
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John Roberts  
Carol Robertsen  
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Gailene Shaw  
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