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[Registrar's message—important updates to College Bylaws will affect many registrants \[1\]](#)

All regulated professions have bylaws that define the purpose and authority of the organization responsible for governing that profession, and direct how that organization legally administers its affairs, including the composition of a board and the establishment of committees. The College Board and committees use Bylaws as legal tools to conduct their regulatory work, and ensure that College processes and practices are fair and just.

[Read more about Registrar's message—important updates to College Bylaws will](#)

[affect many registrants \[1\]](#)



[2017 notification of election for board members \[2\]](#)

Reminder - nominations are due on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017**.

[Read more about 2017 notification of election for board members \[2\]](#)



[The importance of seeing a regulated health professional \[3\]](#)

Evidence obtained from a search and seizure conducted by the College recently indicated a high likelihood that an unlicensed practitioner was performing cosmetic surgery in the basement of her home.

[Read more about The importance of seeing a regulated health professional \[3\]](#)



[Straying beyond the bounds of clinical guidance can](#)

[lead to criticism \[4\]](#)

Physicians must avoid bias and not step beyond their professional role and medical expertise in child custody disputes.

[Read more about Straying beyond the bounds of clinical guidance can lead to criticism \[4\]](#)

Inquiry
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[Telemedicine as a stand-alone, episodic care service rarely meets expected standards \[5\]](#)

The College standard on *Telemedicine* [6] is founded on the principle that the College regulates medical practice, not technology. The standard of care does not vary with the medium through which physicians and patients interact.

[Read more about Telemedicine as a stand-alone, episodic care service rarely meets expected standards \[5\]](#)

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[A case study on safe prescribing \[7\]](#)

The following case study provides useful “clinical pearls” to physicians who treat complex patients with multiple health issues, including addiction.

[Read more about A case study on safe prescribing \[7\]](#)

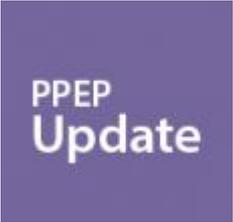


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[New prescription \(Rx\) pads and new process \[8\]](#)

Based on feedback from physicians and their pharmacist colleagues, the Prescription Review Program has made some changes to the prescription pads and the ordering process.

[Read more about New prescription \(Rx\) pads and new process \[8\]](#)



PPEP
Update

[Moving towards quality improvement \[9\]](#)

The Physician Practice Enhancement Program is changing the order in which the assessment components are completed.

[Read more about Moving towards quality improvement \[9\]](#)



DAP
Update

[New accreditation assessment officer joins the DAP \[10\]](#)

The College is pleased to welcome Valerio Arciaga MLT (CSMLS) as a laboratory medicine, accreditation assessment officer with the Diagnostic Accreditation

Program.

[Read more about New accreditation assessment officer joins the DAP \[10\]](#)

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[New DAP process: relocation assessment \[11\]](#)

The DAP Committee has approved a new accreditation process to assess an already accredited facility/service that is either relocating to a new address, or moving within its existing building (e.g. facility is rebuilt on the same site).

[Read more about New DAP process: relocation assessment \[11\]](#)

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[Canadian content at the College library \[12\]](#)

Canadian sources for high quality medical evidence are rare and welcome entities. Against a backdrop of voluminous American and European science, technology and medical publishing, a small number of Canadian authors and editors have consistently published clinical information resources relevant to the Canadian milieu. Some examples are RxTx and Clinical Handbook of Psychotropic Drugs Online.

[Read more about Canadian content at the College library \[12\]](#)



[CME events: mark your calendars \[13\]](#)

Information on all upcoming events and workshops can be found here.

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