

MAY 10, 2013

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

The President convened a Special Meeting of Council, on May 10th, to discuss two important pieces of business.

REGULATION AND BY-LAW AMENDMENTS RE: DRUG PREPARATION PREMISES

Following the allegations in late March of under-dosing of chemotherapy drugs supplied by an independent company to four hospitals in Ontario and one hospital in New Brunswick, College staff worked with officials at the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and proposed a regulation and enabling by-laws that will give the College the responsibility to inspect drug preparation premises where pharmacists and pharmacy technicians practice.

The proposed regulation and enabling by-laws were circulated for comment. Modifications were

made to reflect feedback received and the amended documents were discussed by College Council. Council voted unanimously to approve, as presented, the regulation (Part IX of Ontario Regulation 202/94 made under the *Pharmacy Act*, Inspection of Drug Preparation Premises) and enabling by-laws. It was noted that this regulation, when combined with the Ministry's proposed regulation change to the *Public Hospital Act*, will go a long way towards addressing the recently identified gap in regulatory oversight.

BY-LAW AMENDMENTS RE: PUBLIC REGISTER OF PHARMACIES

Council unanimously approved by-law amendments, which were

circulated for feedback and modified slightly, that permit the College to formalize the creation of a Register of Pharmacies (section 23(2) 14 of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*). The amended by-law includes the posting, on the public register, of the outcome and/or status of inspections of a pharmacy, including the relevant date.

The approved by-laws take effect immediately while the approved proposed regulation was submitted by Council to the Ministry for consideration and will come into effect on the date of government filing.* 

* The regulation was filed by government on May 15, 2013

REMINDER:

UPCOMING COUNCIL ELECTIONS – DISTRICTS K, L, T, TH AND BY-ELECTION FOR 1 SEAT IN DISTRICT M



You will have received or will soon receive your electoral declaration. The workplace we currently have recorded as your Declared Place of Practice (for Elections) will be used for election purposes. **If your information is up to date, you do not need to contact the College.** If the information is incorrect, or you are unclear as to which postal code you will be voting in, please access the College website (www.ocpinfo.com), click on the Member Login icon, login in using your User ID (OCP number) and password, and you will be able to verify and/or change your information for voting purposes (primary workplace).

IMPORTANT DATES:

Nominations open: June 1, 2013
Nominations close: June 19, 2013
Voting closes: August 7, 2013

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