

Transitioning Into Professional Practice Tip Sheet



1) Get informed; stay informed –

Visit the College website, learn what resources are available and check back regularly to see what is new.

Practical Tips:

- Monitor what is billed under your license number – make sure it is correct
- Ensure the marketing practices and social media use are appropriate at your place of employment and follow CPM Practice Directions
- Practice Directions – go to the College’s website regularly and review them, this is your responsibility as an individual physiotherapist

2) Maintain boundaries and professionalism

Understand the concept of a therapeutic relationship and the power imbalance that exists between you and your patients; manage that relationship appropriately and with utmost respect; adhere to the College’s Code of Ethics.

Practical Tip: Conflict of Interest in Practice

- An ethical physiotherapist will not treat immediate family members.
- Immediate family is: mother, father, siblings, children, spouse, grandparents, and grandchildren

3) Start thinking about your Learning Goal for the year. At renewal, registrants are asked to reflect on a goal or learning opportunity they completed in the last year. Reflecting on activities as they happen, formulating and documenting strategies to address learning needs is crucial; don’t wait until asked to submit your learning goal - the value is lost.

4) Maintain your registration with the College:

- Renewal of Registration is in **January – every year!**
 - ▶ Liability Insurance (hint: make sure you renew on time)
 - ▶ Practice hours: you must maintain 1200 hours in the preceding 5 calendar years.
 - ▶ Member profile – keep it up to date – this includes address, e-mail address, every time you add or change jobs

Frequently Asked Questions:

1) *How do I sign my name ?*

Refer to the Practice Direction on Titles, Credentials and Specialty Designations

When you are signing a health record, filling out WCB/MPI reports or legal documents it is important that you identify yourself as an Exam Candidate.

After Exam Candidate Registration: **"Your Name" PT Exam Candidate, MPT** or
"Your Name" PT Examination Candidate, MPT

After successful completion of the Practice Based Competency Assessment and completing the necessary steps to convert to the Active roster: **"Your Name" MPT**

2) *How do I introduce myself?*

You are instructed to legally sign your name and credentials indicating you are an Exam Candidate. At no time should you mislead your employer, third party payers, or patients. The public register will list you as an Exam Candidate and some patients may look you up there prior to or after seeking your care.



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