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Executive Director & Registrar Report

SCPT has had a quite productive Fall season this year.

We welcomed a new Administrative Assistant, Robyn Neufeld, on October 19, and she has been an excellent addition to the team. She has been focusing on the website updates, as well as some work with in1touch in preparation for renewals.

SCPT would like to welcome all of the new graduates from the School of Rehabilitation Science who have started to submit applications for licensure, congratulations on completing your program and welcome to the profession! SCPT submitted the Restricted License bylaw amendments to the Ministry shortly after AGM, but due to the election they have been delayed and required resubmission of the certified copies due to a new Minister of Health being named. If they are approved and published in the Gazette, we will send out an update to

membership with further information regarding the new bylaws. Once we have the Restricted License amendments through, I will submit the rest of the Regulatory Bylaw Amendment package that was approved by membership at AGM, as the Ministry had requested that we complete the 2 submissions to ensure that the Restricted License changes are handled in a timely fashion to meet our needs of licensure extensions should the pandemic create further delays in access to licensure exams.

With respect to licensure exam delays, SCPT held an educational webinar on October 27 to provide information regarding the licensure requirements in Saskatchewan, as well as the process to change the licensure requirements. There were 70 attendees for the webinar, and the general feedback was quite positive. CAPR continues to work towards development and implementation of a virtual OSCE, with

the plan to offer the first version of this exam in March 2021. They will be holding 4 Virtual Clinical Exam sittings in 2021 in order to meet the needs of the backlog from 2020 as well as the incoming candidates for 2021. For further information about the new clinical exam format and schedule, please see the CAPR website: [CAPR - 2021 Clinical Component - CAPR \(alliancept.org\)](https://alliancept.org/capr-2021-clinical-component)

Professional Corporation renewals began November 15 and will run until December 15. A notification was sent out in the Momentum in October, as well as eBlast to all professional corporations prior to renewal beginning. SCPT changed our procedures for Professional Corporation Renewal requirements this year and we are now accepting either the annual return or the profile report for renewals – not both as they are redundant documents. Please ensure that your renewals are submitted by the December

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15th deadline, if you have any questions about renewals or require assistance please contact Tammy MacSymmetz at operationsmanger@scpt.org.

SCPT Council has made the decision to re-implement rostering for specialized procedures over the next year. As such, members can now upload their certification documents for manipulation, acupuncture, dry needling and/or pelvic health through the member portal of the SCPT website. You will find this option along the left hand panel of your member login page. Currently, the submission of these documents is optional. However, the legislation committee is working on the development of bylaws to incorporate this into the licensure bylaws, these amendments will be presented to membership at AGM in 2021. If these are passed, this will become a mandatory component of practice for these specialized procedures. The intent is to include this information in the public directory on the SCPT website so that the public has access to accurate information regarding which physical therapists in Saskatchewan are certified to offer these services. Robyn is currently working on uploading all historical documents from the SCPT files to ensure previously submitted certifications are included in the directory as well.

The SCPT committees continue to be busy:

- The Registration Committee has reviewed the Criminal Record Check Audit Policy and it has now been updated to include the requirement of a vulnerable sector check as part of the audit. As such, the 2021 audits will now require this additional component.
- The Communications Committee has developed a public survey that was distributed in October through Inshgtrix, a market research firm. The results of this survey will be used by SCPT to determine how best to educate the public on physical therapy and its regulation in Saskatchewan. The committee has also developed a
- physical therapist employer engagement survey to help us determine what types of resources our PT employers would find helpful in assisting them to meet the requirements of the SCPT. They are also working diligently on a member engagement survey, to help us determine what types of resources our membership would find valuable in assisting them to meet the requirements of the College.
- The Legislation Committee has been working on the development of bylaws to enact the new CCP requirements as part of licensure for SCPT, as well as the Rostering for specialized procedures as noted above. They have also been working on reviewing the Professional Liability Insurance requirements further and reviewing the newly proposed Telerehabilitation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from the CAPR Registrar's committee to determine what regulatory changes may be required to allow SCPT to participate in the MOU.
- SCPT has hired Kim Woycik into the role of Project Manager for the Practice Guidelines Update Project. She will be working with the Professional Standards of Practice Committee (PSOP) to amalgamate the Core Standards of Practice document with the SCPT Practice Guidelines, and then to review and update the guidelines as needed. Kim has already begun work on the development of the project plan, with the initial committee meeting being held later in December. The PSOP committee is still looking for a Chair – so if you are interested in participating in that



capacity, please contact the SCPT.

- The newly developed Governance and Nominations Committee (GNC) also continues to require a chair. They have begun work on the Governance Procedures Manual review, with plans to have the initial draft ready for Council in March. They are also working on the development of a new Inclusion and Diversity Guiding Principle for the SCPT and will begin work on the development of Council and Committee Competency Matrices and recruitment strategies in the coming months.
- The Continuing Competency Committee continues to work on finalizing the procedures for the new CCP, and will be hosting a webinar on December 15 at 7:30 pm to educate membership on the new Program and how to use your member profile to submit your documentation.
- The Professional Conduct Committee has had a busy year, with 5 complaints to manage throughout 2020.

As another year comes to a close, SCPT staff are busily preparing for the 2021 license renewals that will be opening on January 1, 2021. Please remember that all license renewals must be completed prior to February 28, 2021 to avoid the implementation of late fees.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy holiday season and all the best to come in 2021!

- Brandy Green, Interim EDR



Advertising Contravention: Lumino Health Platform

SCPT has reviewed the Lumino Health Platform, and has determined that the paid subscription to this platform, which results in a higher listing position, is in **contravention** of many parts of the SCPT Advertising Bylaw which states the following:

“27(1) No member shall offer to guarantee a cure either verbally or in writing or by advertising or otherwise.

(2) No member shall engage in any advertising, promotion, or other marketing activities that:

- (a) ***are inaccurate or capable of misleading the public either directly or indirectly;***
- (b) misrepresents facts;
- (c) ***compares either directly, indirectly or by innuendo, the member's services or ability with that of any other practitioner or clinic, or promise or offer more effective service or better results than those available elsewhere;***
- (d) ***deprecates another member or clinic as to service, ability or fees;***
- (e) ***create an unjustified expectation about the results the member can achieve;***
- (f) are made under any false or misleading guise, or takes advantage, either physically, emotionally, or financially of any client, or uses coercion, duress, or harassment;
- (g) are incompatible with the best interests of the public or members, or tends to harm the standing of the physical therapy profession generally;
- (h) ***contain any testimonial or disclose the names of clients; or promote a specific brand of drug, device, or equipment.***
- (i) Endorses any product for financial gain.”

The ability of practitioners to purchase a higher ranking on the listing is prohibited by the above Advertising Bylaw, and therefore illegal in Saskatchewan, as it creates a comparison ***of the member's services or ability with that of other practitioners, and implies more effective service or better results than those available elsewhere.***

Listing physical therapists by fees is also prohibited by the above Advertising Bylaw, in that it would be considered as ***“deprecates another member or clinic as to service, ability or fees.”*** It is not transparent to the public viewing the site that the fees associated with services may be higher because they are actually for different services or different time allotments depending on the clinic providing the service. There are also many different types of physical therapy services, some of which have higher fees than others due to the specialized education required to provide them, as well as the increased time needed to properly provide these services.

Lastly, practitioner ratings, such as the ones on this site rated by star value, provide misleading information to the public and may in fact be inhibitive to access to care given that the listing is not inclusive of all physical therapists. These would be considered testimonials, which are strictly prohibited in the advertising of physical therapy services in Saskatchewan, as per (h) above.

As such, SCPT has contacted those members whom we know were using the Lumino Health platform as an advertising mechanism to inform them of the above decision. However, we are providing this update to all membership in case we were unable to reach some of you, as well as to help inform future decision making for our members.

"Is It Physiotherapy" Tool

SCPT has now posted the "[Is it Physiotherapy?](#)" tool that was developed by the Registrar's Committee of the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators.

This tool is intended to assist regulators (and physical therapists) in determining whether new/emerging practices fit within the physical therapy scope of practice. It was adapted from the excellent work done by six American health professions and published in the '*Changes to Healthcare Professions' Scope of Practice: Legislative Considerations*,' as well as the accompanying Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy decision pathway, both of which can be found in the reference section of the document.

SCPT thought that the tool may be useful to our membership when considering how to bill different types of therapy, ensuring that only those therapies that fit within the scope of physical therapy are billed as such.

Continuing Competency Program Webinar

The SCPT, in collaboration with CERS, will be hosting a webinar on **December 15 at 7:30 pm** to educate membership on the requirements of the new Continuing Competency Program (CCP), as well as how to submit documentation through your member portal.

We would like to remind members that the CCP submissions will not be required until renewals in **January 2022**, however the portals are open now to allow members to start uploading their documentation whenever they choose to throughout the year.

SCPT will be sending an email invite to all members for this webinar, as well as posting access information on the website. The session will be recorded and posted to the website afterwards as well.

2021 SCPT License Renewals

The SCPT License Renewal period begins on January 1, 2021 and continues until February 28, 2021.

In order to renew your license, you will need to log into your member portal on the SCPT website by clicking Member Login at the top right hand corner of the website's homepage. Each member will be required to upload proof of liability insurance (either employer paid or individual), submit their practice hours for the period of January 1-December 31, 2020 and complete the annual jurisprudence questionnaire prior to starting the renewal process. Once these steps have been completed, the RENEWAL button will appear in your profile and you can continue through your renewal.

PLEASE NOTE: If your license status is changing for April 1, 2021 please complete a change of status prior to completing your renewal. Once SCPT has approved your change of status you will be able to renew with the proper status.

Also note that the Continuing Competency Program requirements DO NOT need to be submitted as part of your renewals for 2021, but will take effect at renewal time in 2022.

If you have any questions during renewal please contact SCPT via phone, email or fax. Our office hours are Monday to Friday 7:30-3:30pm.

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