

MOMENTUM



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President’s Message

The new year has begun – that is the new year for SCPT after our annual general meeting in October. Thank you all for attending the AGM.

Moving into the “new year” the SCPT will be working on a new strategic plan. October 7th, 2022 was spent working out the ongoing direction for SCPT and forming the strategic plan for the next 3 – 5 years. This will form the foundation for continuing the work of SCPT. Thank you to all board members, committee members and staff for contributing to this work.

Continuing review and improvement is a strategy that SCPT tries to implement consistently and constantly. This is true of our Practice Based Assessment and Continuing Competency Program. The process is being reviewed ongoing and thank you to all the members that provide feedback. We will continue

with our Practice Based Assessment while the CAPR continues through the process of Re-Envisioning Evaluation Services. The CAPR Expert Panel is continuing their work to determine the best way to provide examination services going forward. We will ensure we understand how this is rolling out to allow for any modifications of our current process.

I would like to thank all our outgoing Committee and Council members. Thank you to Kristie Mueller, Kirsten Large, Brandy Green, Leah White, Annie Jaimon, and Jibin Jacob. Your commitment to ensuring the safety of the public through volunteering to ensure our self-regulation continues is greatly appreciated. Being able to self-regulate our profession is a huge responsibility. Our memberships’ engagement in the process makes it a pleasure to serve the SCPT. Thank you all for your time.

And thank you to all those who have joined the Council or committees. Again, your time and talent that you volunteer to the SCPT is greatly appreciated. The College would not be in existence without you.

I look forward to completing the new strategic plan to lay a foundation for the SCPT going forward. Ensuring the College instills equity, diversity and inclusion throughout all of our fabric will be a component of that foundation going forward.

I again thank all the members for allowing me to serve our profession in my role as President. Together we can continue to progress our profession and provide expert safe care to the public.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Pitura, President



Executive Director & Registrar's Report

The SCPT **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** was held on October 1, 2022 online and in partnership with CERS. Although this year's agenda was not as lengthy as previous years, it is always good to connect with members, Council, and others. The AGM recording and related documents, including the SCPT's Annual Report can be found on the [SCPT website](#).

Annual **practice audits** have been completed. Each year we audit in relation to practice hours, professional liability insurance, and criminal record checks. I'm once again pleased to report that the audits went smoothly with no substantive issues identified. I want to thank all those participating for their cooperation and commitment to these regulatory processes.

This year saw the introduction of a new practice audit; one for the **Continuing Competency Program (CCP)**. The CCP audit went as smoothly as could have been expected for its first year of the program. The main issue arising was that submissions did not always directly link to or directly discuss to the NPAG Essential Competencies. We anticipate that with continued education and changes to the CCP website and forms, that submissions and the CCP will continue to strengthen.

The 2023-2024 **annual license renewal** will open January 9th. There are no changes to this year's renewal process but in preparation please ensure you have uploaded your CCP documents prior to renewing as well as having proof of your liability insurance and practice hours information handy as part of renewal.

We are pleased to report that we are offering two rounds of the **Practice Based Assessment (PBA)** this fall, accommodating approximately 30 Restricted Licensees. Following last year's PBA that assessed over 50 candidates, the SCPT made some modifications to the PBA, including adjusting the component weightings. Overall, the assessment is running well thanks to all those involved in the process.

If you have any questions about anything SCPT, please feel free to email or call the office.

Jason Vogelsang
Executive Director and Registrar

2023-2024 SCPT License Renewal

License renewal will begin **January 9, 2023**. Members must renew their license for April 1, 2023-March 31, 2024 licensing year before February 28, 2023.

There are no changes to this year's renewal process but in preparation for renewal, please be reminded of the following:

Continuing Competency Program (CCP)

Members must have uploaded their CCP documents into their member portal ***BEFORE*** they are able to renew their license for 2023. We strongly recommend that you have everything uploaded before the end of the calendar year to avoid any delays with your renewal.

Please visit the new and improved CCP website for additional information and resources. Any questions about the CCP can be emailed to practiceadvisor@scpt.org

Liability Insurance

As it was last year, all members are required to have individual liability insurance, independent of any insurance that may be available through an employer and must include both cessation of practice and leave of absence coverage.

Fees

The license renewal fee remains unchanged at \$500 and is payable as part of your renewal application but no later than February 28, 2023 to avoid late fees.

As in previous years, the following will be required as part of renewal:

- A. Proof of Professional Liability Insurance.
- B. The number of hours practiced in 2022. (January 1 – December 31).
- C. The Jurisprudence Questionnaire.
- D. Specialized Procedure certificates, if applicable.

Further information and instructions for renewal will be sent to members in the coming weeks and when renewal opens, however in the meantime if you have any questions, please email operationsmanager@scpt.org.



Introducing New Council Member: Liz Rackow- Treasurer

Liz graduated with her bachelor's degree in Physical Therapy in 1995. She was a full time clinician in Ontario from 1995 – 2007, during which time her 3 beautiful daughters were born. In 2007 Liz moved to Swift Current to take on a Therapy Manager position with the Cypress Health Region, and following a number of career changes, she is now the Director of Primary Health Care, Network South West 5, SHA. Committed to lifelong learning, Liz completed her Emergency Medical Responder certification in 2017, and her Masters in Leadership (Health Care Stream) in 2020.

Liz finds joy in volunteering and giving back to her community. Liz has volunteered with a local church youth program (Quizzing) for 12 years. She and her husband Baron are currently billeting a WHL hockey player, and are registered fosters with their local SPCA. They have the privilege of experiencing what it means to be a family partner in the health system, and a caregiver support person for a family member with early onset dementia.

Liz is also passionate about volunteering in her professional role. She served as a Member at Large and President with the SCPT in the past, has retained her position as the Chair of the Legislation Committee since 2013, is a member of the Governance and Nominations Committee, and is now again, a Member at Large with Council with Treasurer duties. She is looking forward to serving and connecting with colleagues in this SCPT role again.

Continuing Competency Program Update

This information is being provided to as an update on the Continuing Competency Program (CCP). The SCPT would like to thank all its members for their commitment to the CCP and patience as we implement the program, learn as we do so, and refine the program.

Following the completion of the first year for the CCP, and with renewal for 2023 fast approaching, the SCPT has undergone a variety of activities to obtain feedback and data including, member engagement via focus groups and individual feedback as well as data collection from member questions and the annual CCP audit.

This feedback provided a wealth of information regarding the user experience within the CCP. From this we were able to make refinements to the CCP website and forms to provide added clarity and ease of access. A full explanation of these changes was provided to members in an email in October.

The SCPT appreciates the professionalism shown by our members as they accessed educational sessions, contacted the SCPT with questions, participated in completing the requirements, and provided feedback on the program.

CERS and the SCPT have partnered to provide a webinar for members ***Making the Connection: Communication and Therapeutic Alliance***. The recording of this webinar is available on the SCPT website here -[Webinars - SCPT | Saskatchewan College of Physical Therapists](#) . Participating in this webinar may be considered a task for the CCP's mandatory Communication domain for the 2023 renewal year. Completing and uploading a task proof form and general submission form meets the documentation requirements for this domain.

Members are encouraged to register for a webinar ***Update on the CCP*** being held November 17, 2022 from 7 to 8 pm. This webinar will provide further education on the program and related logistics and will be beneficial for all members renewing as full practicing or academic. Registration information has been emailed to members.

To provide feedback or ask questions about the CCP, please contact practiceadvisor@scpt.org.

Committee Listings

Statutory Committees

Professional Conduct Committee- Jen Aberhart (Chair), Emad Abdelmasseh, Amanda Patterson, Moira Stoll, Bonnie Yake
Discipline Committee: Kent Earle (Chair), Jackie Hunchak (Public Representative), Bert Yakichuk (Public Representative), Richard Bourassa, Elyse Greenberg, Leslie Beck.

Standing Committees

Legislation- Liz Rackow (Chair), Jackie Hunchak (Public Representative), Megan Armbruster-Stephan, Christina Charles, Cara Maher, Meghaben Patel, Bev Wilson
Professional Standards of Practice- Tim Asare (Chair), Judy Grant (Public Representative), Jeff Brousseau, Bronwyn Lasair, Joann Nilson
Finance- Liz Rackow (Chair), Cathy Cuddington, Bev Wilson, Heather Burridge
Registration- Heather Burridge (Chair), Amanda Crow, Karla Horvey, Danielle Johnston, Amanda Lloyd-Haubrich

Special Committees

Communications- Lauren McLellan (Chair), Catrina Wasyliv
Continuing Competency- Karla Horvey (Chair), Judy Grant (Public Representative), Darcie Sahar, Kendra Usunier, Barbara Anderson
Governance and Nominations- Sara Lawson (Chair), Liz Rackow, Dale Pitura



Ask the Practice Advisor

The role of the practice advisor (PA) is to guide members to information that will assist with practical decision-making respecting professional legislation, standards of practice and ethical considerations. The PA is also responsible to assist members with completion of the requirements for the Continuing Competency Program (CCP).

Each Momentum will have a sample member question with a response from the Practice Advisor Jody Rice.

Member Question: Who is the Trustee of Personal Health Information?

I am considering a term contract position where I will work in a rural clinic as a sole practitioner under the umbrella of a larger physiotherapy clinic located in a city close by. For charting and scheduling purposes, I will have access to all electronic clinic management and medical records software. As this is a term position, I would like to ensure I am aware of my responsibilities for keeping the personal health information (PHI) of clients safe when I leave the practice. How do I know, who is responsible to ensure confidentiality is maintained and records are available for future needs of the client?

Practice Advisor Response:

For confidentiality of PHI refer to:

- Saskatchewan Standard of Practice # 14 Privacy/Confidentiality on the SCPT website, including its related standards ([SCPT Standards of Practice - September 1, 2022\(web\).pdf \(in1touch.org\)](#))
- IPC Guide to Health Information Protection Act– specifically information related to the definition of “Who is the Trustee?” and “Duty of a trustee to protect PHI” [IPC Guide to HIPA \(oipc.sk.ca\)](#).

It should be noted that the trustee may or may not be the Physiotherapist providing care to the client but is the one with custody and control of the PHI. The trustee has a duty to protect the PHI and administer its collection, use, disclosure, and disposition. This will include ensuring that the electronic service provider and the use and security of the software provided, meets the expectations of HIPA.

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The trustee is also responsible to ensure that the PHI is not abandoned when you cease your contractual arrangement. According to HIPA the trustee must make the PHI available in the event the patient requests disclosure following your departure.

Even if you are not the trustee, you do continue to hold obligations under HIPA ensuring the protection and security of information you collect and use as well as respecting the management and disclosure of that information. You are also obligated to be aware of and follow all related employer policies and procedures.

As a contract worker you may want to consider that the trustee is indicated on the contractual agreement you sign so there is no confusion who the responsibility lies with. Of course, legal counsel would provide you with the most accurate information pertaining to your specific contract situation.

The Saskatchewan Medical Association resource - ***Guidelines on Requirements and Good Practices For Protecting Personal Health Information*** is a practical guideline based on HIPA, developed for physicians but the information applies to your situation and would be good for you to consider - [This Saskatchewan EMR Program Privacy and Security for Saskatchewan EMR Users: Guidelines and Sample Policies Handbook is designed to help physicians who are implementing an EMR in their practice meet the privacy and security requirements of the Program \(sma.sk.ca\)](#)

Thank you for your excellent question.

If you have further questions around PT practice, email the practiceadvisor@scpt.org.

Introducing New Council Member: Erin Hebron- Student Rep

I grew up in Kerrobert, a small town of about 1200 people located in West Central Saskatchewan. I completed my undergraduate degree in Kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan and graduated this past year in April 2022. I was so excited to be accepted into the MPT program at the University of Saskatchewan, as I have always been fascinated with how the body works and how I am able to help people optimize their health. I am now in the midst of my first year in the program, and loving it!

I wanted to join the SCPT so I could gain experience working with Council, as well as gain some insight on the process of becoming a licensed physical therapist.



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