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Infection Prevention and Control

Infection prevention and control (IPAC) is a daily part of midwifery practice in all settings – clinic, hospital, and community, including homes. Attention to IPAC is a key area for discussion in the midwifery community and a number of new resources are available that are applicable to midwifery practice.

IPAC is a core competency in the Canadian Competencies for Midwives , in that entry-level midwives should have the knowledge and skill to: limit the spread of disease by using appropriate infection control measures.

The College expects members to:

1. know what the current infection control guidelines are for all practice settings;
2. assess risks and know how to apply infection control procedures;
3. adhere to current infection control programs;
4. educate and model infection control practices for others;
5. be aware of what infection control resources are available;
6. advocate for best practices in infection control;
7. ensure ongoing quality of infection control practices;
8. utilize personal protective equipment appropriate to the setting; and
9. monitor changes to infection control practices and update practise accordingly.

Through continued work with the Association of Ontario Midwives, on the IPAC Work Group, the following resources have been identified to support members in their continued learning and achievement of IPAC standards:

Association of Ontario Midwives

Public Health Ontario online resources, including online modules on re-processing in the community

IPAC checklists for clinical office practice

Provincial Infectious Disease Advisory Committees documents

Medical Device Reprocessing Course

Member Education Day: Forums & Focus Groups

In the month of November, the College held four member forums throughout the province, in Ottawa, Toronto, Thunder Bay and Guelph, to discuss proposed changes to the midwifery scope of practice and regulations.

The proposed changes were very well-received by the attendees and we are looking forward to further consultations with the membership in the new year.

We would like to thank those who attended each session, including the Livestream, which was a huge success. There was so much interest in the Livestream that the server quickly reached its capacity. If you were unable to access the Livestream or attend an in-person session, you may still access the presentation via [the Ryerson webcast link](#).

QAP Focus Groups

In conjunction with Member Education Day, the College also held focus groups with 6-8 randomly selected participants from each site to provide feedback on the current QAP. Members discussed all components of the program – what should remain within the program and what can be done to make the program more useful for members in order to meet their obligations under the regulations. Overall, members in the focus groups indicated that they appreciate that the QAP is built on trust and flexibility. We will be sharing more information regarding the QAP focus group findings in the near future and requesting feedback from the membership as we work towards creating a more effective program.

Program Updates

Registration

Registration Wallet-Card is Available Now

Current registration wallet-cards are now available for download through the [Member Portal](#) for the registration year ending September 30, 2017, for those members who submitted a complete renewal application to the College. Those members that did not submit a complete renewal application to the College have been notified by mail, and will only have access to a current registration wallet-card once any renewal issue has been resolved.

If you have any questions, please contact the Registration Department at regadmin@cmo.on.ca

Updating information in the Member Portal

Members are reminded to use the [Member Portal](#) to update their information on file with the College, including contact information, practice location(s), hospital and birth centre privileges and certifications. In accordance with Article of 14.06 of the College's General By-law, members are required to inform the College of any change in information as noted below. Updating one's information via the Member Portal would constitute having informed the College.

14.06 – Changes to Information

A Member shall inform the College, in writing, of a change to any of the following within fourteen (14) days of the change:

- (a) any change to the Member's name that has been made in the register of the College from the date of the Member's initial registration with the College;
- (b) his or her residential address, telephone number and personal email address;
- (c) the name, business address and business telephone number of every practice with which the Member is affiliated, whether as a sole proprietor, a partner, an associate or in some other capacity as a Midwife;
- (d) the name of each hospital, birth centre and health facility in Ontario where the Member has privileges, the date that each privilege was granted and terminated;
- (e) any of the information required to be provided to the College pursuant to paragraphs (b) through (l) of by-law 14.05.

The Member Portal also provides members access to printable receipts of all fees paid to the College. These receipts may be used for income tax purposes.

Program Updates

Quality Assurance Program (QAP)

Practice Assessment Workbook rescinded

At the October Council meeting, Council decided to rescind the Practice Assessment Workbook (PAW) and the PAW Policies and Procedures document. As a result of this decision, the College will no longer randomly select members to complete the PAW and all PAW materials have been removed from the website.

QAP reporting 2016-2017 is now open

Members are encouraged to log in to the [Member Portal](#) at any time during the reporting year (October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2017) to add QAP activities as they occur.

The CMO Member Portal is compatible with most Smartphone browsers – bookmark the member portal to log in at your convenience to add QAP activities throughout the year.

For more information on the College's QAP [click here](#).

Recommendations

Influenza Immunization for Health Care Personnel

The Public Health Agency of Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommends annual influenza immunization for health care personnel as part of the standard of care. A national target of 80% coverage for health care personnel is deemed appropriate to help ensure client protection. Research published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal's online open-access journal, [CMAJ Open](#), notes participation rates at much lower overall, and specifically, rates for midwives, chiropractors and practitioners of natural healing at 4%, the lowest self-reported rate amongst health professional groups. Midwives care for both pregnant individuals and newborns, two groups identified as high risk for serious complications from influenza infection. Members should consider obtaining the flu vaccine from their primary care physician, nurse practitioner or local pharmacist in the interest of protecting clients, and themselves, from the influenza infection.

Recommendations from the Office of the Chief Coroner

The College of Midwives regularly receives recommendations from the Office of the Chief Coroner's (OCC) Maternal and Perinatal Death Review Committee (MPDRC).

The MPDRC makes recommendations based on a careful review of all maternal deaths and a small number of neonatal deaths in Ontario. The following recommendations are adapted from MPDRC reports and support midwives in providing high quality care to women and newborns in Ontario.

1. Midwives are reminded to recommend Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for safe transportation to hospital when birth is potentially imminent and/or weather and distance are factors.
2. Midwives are expected to know the normal parameters of newborn growth and to make appropriate and timely referrals when newborn growth does not fall within these parameters.
3. Midwives are reminded to review the Association of Ontario Midwives (AOM) 2012 Clinical Practice Guideline Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy when involved in the care of clients with a hypertensive disorder.



General Information

2016 Council Meetings

All Council meetings are public and members are encouraged to attend. Council meets in Toronto at the College office at 21 St Clair Ave E, Suite 303. In 2016 Council will meet:



Council meeting [agendas](#) are available on our website.



Quick Stats

Total of 861 currently registered midwives as of November 21, 2016.

- **626** General
- **75** General with new registrant conditions
- **7** Supervised Practice
- **153** Inactive

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CMO Staff Profile



Nadja Gale joined the College of Midwives as Manager of Registration in May 2016, after working as the Director of Registration at the College of Naturopaths/Transitional Council of the College of Naturopaths (CONO) since 2012. Prior to this role, she worked at CONO as a policy analyst. As CMO's Manager of Registration, Nadja oversees the work of the registration department ensuring that applicants and members are well-supported and informed throughout the registration and renewal processes. Her work includes managing the updating of registration policies and procedures to ensure effective and efficient registration systems. Nadja supports the work of the Registration Committee and its Panels and represents the College at stakeholder meetings. Outside of work, Nadja enjoys traveling, camping and running, especially when accompanied by her husband and busy toddler.

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