

# Exploring Clinic Regulation in Ontario – What’s Next?

The *Clinic Regulation Working Group* was formed in 2015 by a number of health regulatory colleges to explore stronger oversight of clinics in Ontario. After conducting research and considering potential solutions, the Working Group proposed a “straw-dog” model of how clinics could be regulated in Ontario. A broad consultation of stakeholders to gather feedback about the idea and the proposed model was conducted throughout November and December 2015.

## CONSULTATION RESULTS

The consultation period ended on December 31, 2015. Thank you to those of you who took the time to look at the website, watch the videos, attend town halls, and send in your comments. The Working Group has committed to a transparent consultation process. You can now read a report

about the consultation feedback and all of the stakeholder comments on the website. Find out what your colleagues and others had to say at: [www.ontarioclinicregulation.com](http://www.ontarioclinicregulation.com)

## NEXT STEPS

The Working Group met in February 2016 to consider the feedback and determine next steps for the project. The Group reached a consensus decision to submit a report to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on their exploration of clinic oversight in Ontario. The Working Group hopes to open a dialogue with the Ministry about strengthening clinic oversight to benefit clients and healthcare practitioners in Ontario.

The Working Group plans to submit this report to the Ministry in Summer 2016.

# Resources for RDs

## PEN - A RESOURCE FOR EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE

Dietitians have a professional responsibility to practice in an evidence-based manner. One resource that may be of help to RDs is PEN (Practice-Based Evidence in Nutrition), which has been developed by Dietitians of Canada with input from thought leaders in dietetic practice, knowledge translation and technology.

Although the College is not affiliated with PEN, and we do not recommend or endorse specific products or services, we recognize that this resource may be of value to some RDs in providing safe, ethical, and evidence-based care. For more information, refer to [www.pennutrition.com](http://www.pennutrition.com)

## DID YOU KNOW?

The College has an e-learning module on evidence-based practice. [Click here to access this resource](#) or search ‘evidence-based practice’ on our website at [www.collegeofdietitians.org](http://www.collegeofdietitians.org)

## NEW COLLEGE RESOURCES AVAILABLE

1. [Professional Practice Standard: Consent for Treatment and for the Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Health Information.](#)

These standards set out the professional expectations for RDs when obtaining consent in dietetic practice.

2. [Scope of Practice for Registered Dietitians Caring for Clients with Dysphagia in Ontario.](#)

This policy clarifies the role of an RD in the context of engaging in safe, quality dysphagia assessment and management. See page 8 of this issue for more information.

Visit the College homepage to view these resources under *Have you seen these resources?* Or, enter the subject, “standards of consent” or “dysphagia” in the search box in the top right hand corner of the website.