

Privacy by Design



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Earlier this year, there was a news release from Dr. Ann Cavoukian, *Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario*, describing her orders to ensure that all health information on mobile devices be strongly encrypted. This response came after the reported loss of a USB key which contained personal information of people who had attended H1N1 clinics in a public health region. It was a strong reminder to all health professionals of the responsibility each one of us has to be as vigilant with health information as we would with our own passport.

Dr. Cavoukian stated that, "I believe that in light of the proliferation of new information and communication technology, the future of privacy requires a comprehensive and proactive *Privacy by Design* approach, whereby both privacy and security are effectively built into the information eco-system, from end-to-end, and throughout the entire data lifecycle, from collection through to disposal."

It would be worth taking some time to reflect on the data lifecycle of the patients and clients that you see. Because many patient charts are now shared files, the shared responsibility for them will require the same collaborative approach we take to patient care. Consider doing this reflection with a colleague.

There are many resources available to help with this task of tracing how information is acquired through to its removal, and all points in between. How many different people would access the average chart that you see? How many times do you write information on a scrap of paper that is not immediately shredded? Is your email secure when using public Internet? Consider consulting the many resources available on the College of Dietitians of Ontario's website, including the online copy of the *Jurisprudence Handbook for Dietitians in Ontario*. The *Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario* website, www.ipc.on.ca has more useful information. Talk to the Privacy Officer at your organization. Keep up with the newest technologies by talking to your colleagues, your kids, or the booths at conferences and trade shows. Try password protecting the next document that you send. Look for future opportunities for learning from the College this fall.

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We are dedicated to the ongoing enhancement of safe, ethical and competent nutrition services provided by Registered Dietitians in their fields of practice.

CDO Election Results 2010

DISTRICT 1

Barbara Major-McEwan, RD

DISTRICT 3

Susan Knowles, RD
Deion Weir, RD

June Council Meeting

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Annual General Meeting: June 23, 2010, 4-5pm

Council Meeting: June 23, 3pm & June 24, 2010, 9am-4pm

For more information and to reserve a place at the meeting, please contact the College.