

# Clinic Regulation Submission to the Ministry



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As many of you know, the College participated in a working group that was looking at whether, and how, clinics should be regulated to ensure public protection. As part of its work, the group created a “straw dog” model of clinic regulation for stakeholder consultation.

Last year, we invited you to participate in a series of webinars and town hall meetings and to complete a detailed survey to collect feedback on the concept of clinic regulation and the “straw dog”. Although 1 221 responses to the survey were received from 26 different regulated health professions, dietitians made up over 30% of the responses. That was impressive. Thank you for your participation.

The feedback was carefully considered by the working group. As a result, the focus of the group shifted from considering a submission advocating for a particular model of clinic regulation to a submission that brings awareness to the gap in public protection that currently exists. The submission offers alternative solutions and calls on the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to take action to address the gap.

In the submission that was sent to the Ministry in September, no specific model of clinic regulation is proposed. Why the change? In large part, it is because we heard you. We heard the 374 dietitians who responded to the survey and the other 1 500 people who provided feedback in various formats.

Full details about the initiative and the consultation can be found at [www.ontarioclinicregulation.com](http://www.ontarioclinicregulation.com).