



CPSO Regulatory Requirement to Participate in Continuing Professional Development

S.29(1) of the *O Reg 114/94, Medicine Act, 1991* requires all members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) to participate in a program of continuing professional development (CPD) that meets the CPD requirements set by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC). The CPSO is committed to helping Ontario physicians gain CPD credits for eligible activities.

What is MOC?

The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program is a CPD program designed by the Royal College to support the lifelong learning needs of specialist physicians in Canada. The MOC program is evidence-informed and designed to support learning that enhances the knowledge, competencies and performance of specialists in practice. Through the MOC blended credit system, individual physicians have flexibility to design their own learning programs based on their practice needs and using their preferred learning methods. All physicians are able to plan, record and track their CPD activities and reflect on the outcomes achieved for practice using the Royal College's MAINPORT ePortfolio.

Quality Management Partnership Background

On March 28, 2013, Susan Fitzpatrick, Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Negotiations and Accountability Management, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), announced that Cancer Care Ontario (CCO) and the CPSO would jointly develop a provincial quality management program in three areas: colonoscopy, mammography and pathology. The MOHLTC directed the Quality Management Partnership (the Partnership) to work in close collaboration and extensive consultation with clinical experts, system partners and all other relevant stakeholders, including patients/service users. Design work for each of the three service areas was initiated in 2013/14 and completed in 2014/15. During the design phase of the work, a set of recommendations regarding provincial standards was drafted by the Expert Advisory Panels to help promote consistent high quality care across all health care settings. In December 2015, the MOHLTC asked the Partnership to proceed with implementation of the Quality Management Programs (QMPs). These QMPs include provincial standards, quality reporting at the physician, facility, regional and provincial levels, and supportive processes to help drive continuous quality improvement. The QMPs will contribute to consistent, high-quality care wherever the care is provided. As part of this initiative, a clinical leadership model is being used to foster and champion the QMPs. Each facility providing mammography, colonoscopy and pathology service in Ontario has assigned a physician Facility Lead who will be responsible for a number of quality-related activities at the facility level. Physician Regional Leads have also been identified and their role is to engage and support Facility Leads as champions of continuous quality improvement and the QMPs. The physician Provincial Leads for each health service area provide strategic advice and direction to the over quality management program.

What are the Regional Communities of Practice?

The Regional Leads are tasked with holding educational events for Facility Leads in their regions. These events provide opportunity for physician leads to better understand the quality management reports they receive, to identify quality improvement issues and opportunities, and share quality improvement practices at the facility and clinical level.

How Can I Achieve MOC Credits by Participating in a Regional Communities of Practice Meeting?

Physicians who are participating in the Royal College's MOC Program are able to claim MOC credits based on their participation in a regional communities of practice. Depending upon your activity and engagement, you may be eligible to report the activity under "**Section 2: Quality care/patient safety committee**" for 15 credits per year. Any of the research or preparation time for the meetings can be claimed in Section 2: Personal Learning Project (PLP) for 2 credits per hour. In MAINPORT, the template will ask you to record the topic or subject of the PLP and your thoughts, conclusions, or outcomes. The Royal College has [support tools \(www.royalcollege.ca/rcsite/cpd/moc-program/moc-support-tools-resources-e\)](http://www.royalcollege.ca/rcsite/cpd/moc-program/moc-support-tools-resources-e) for all physicians participating in the MOC Program that range from helping physicians identify their learning needs, to recording their activities and outcomes in the MAINPORT ePortfolio.

Future Opportunities:

As the Quality Management Programs evolve and progress, the Partnership seeks to have additional opportunities for Continuing Professional Development available.



Where Can I Get More Information?

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