



College of Dental Technologists of Ontario
Ordre des Technologues Dentaires de l'Ontario

EXPLORING CLINIC REGULATION THROUGH COLLEGE COLLABORATION

Registered Dental Technologists work in unique and varied business environments. As regulated health professionals, dental technologists are subject to strict rules and professional standards, and hold the privilege and responsibility to practice dental technology in a safe, competent and ethical manner to protect the public interest. Clinics or laboratories that employ dental technologists are not subject to these rules and professional standards.

Are we doing enough to protect the public?

If you are employed in a private clinic or laboratory:

- Have you ever been asked or told to do something that, as a regulated health professional, you don't feel comfortable doing?
- Did you contemplate leaving your employment because the clinic or laboratory practices were unprofessional?
- Have you felt the services provided to patients were compromised or that you were asked to compromise your quality of care or integrity?

If you answered **yes** to any of these questions, you are not alone. Owners of clinics and laboratories may not be health care professionals, and may have a limited understanding of the requirements for quality of care and ethical services. Gaps in the current oversight system place some dental technologists and other regulated health professionals in positions that could compromise their ethics and the quality of care offered to patients.

What is our Council doing to address the gap?

At its September 25, 2015 meeting, Council approved the College's participation in a multi-College initiative to explore the regulation of clinics in this province.

Twelve of Ontario's Health Care Regulatory Colleges are excited to be working on new ways to ensure the public interest is protected by clinics employing our members. The Working Group will be taking a closer look at a clinic oversight model, and what clinic regulation might look like in Ontario, to ensure ethical practices, quality of care, compliance with general health and safety standards and existing rules and regulations.

Your opinion matters!

The Ontario Clinic Regulation website has been launched and is a click away at www.ontarioclinicregulation.com.

The website will explain why the colleges are exploring clinic oversight, how it might impact you, and the type of clinic oversight model that the twelve Health Regulatory Colleges want to explore further. Share your views via online survey by December 31, 2015.