

## Statement on Members' Responsibilities to the Public of Ontario

Members of the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) are expected to maintain the standards of practice of the profession and to be competent<sup>1</sup>, accountable<sup>2</sup> and collaborative<sup>3</sup> in providing quality health care to the public of Ontario.

The phrase "standards of practice" is used to refer to practice parameters established by:

➤ **legislation;**

EXAMPLES INCLUDE

- Regulated Health Professions Act
- Respiratory Therapy Act
- Health Care Consent Act

➤ **regulations;**

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- registration
- advertising
- prescribed procedures
- professional misconduct

➤ **standards;**

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- Standards of Practice
- Code of Professional Conduct

➤ **policies; and**

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- sexual abuse of patients/clients
- skill development
- registrant audit statement for the CQI Module

➤ **guidelines.**

EXAMPLES INCLUDE

- Interpretation of Authorized Acts
- Delegation of Controlled Acts
- Conflict of Interest
- Responsibilities under the Consent Legislation
- Registration and Use of Title
- Documentation
- Orders for Medical Care

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<sup>1</sup> **Competent** - having the requisite knowledge, skills and judgement/abilities to perform safely, effectively and ethically and applying that knowledge, skills and judgement/abilities to ensure safe, effective and ethical outcomes for the patient/client

<sup>2</sup> **Accountable** - taking responsibility for decisions and actions, including those undertaken independently and collectively as a member of the health care team; accepting the consequences of decision and actions and acting on the basis of what is in the best interests of the patient/client

<sup>3</sup> **Collaborative** - working with the patient/client and other members of the health care team to achieve the best possible outcome for the patient/client including communicating and coordinating care provision with other members of the health care team