



College of Respiratory  
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# LAUNCH RT Jurisprudence Assessment

## Member's Guide

### INTRODUCTION

Safe and ethical patient care requires all College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario (CRTO) Members to have a fundamental understanding of the standards, guidelines, legislation and regulations governing RT practice and conduct.

To ensure that all CRTO Members have the same degree of foundational knowledge in this area, the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) has implemented the **Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment** that must be undertaken by all individuals becoming a Member of the CRTO for the first time or those whose membership has been reinstated.

**The Launch RT Member's Guide includes the following sections:**

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### I. FORMAT OF THE ASSESSMENT

The Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment is a 60 question, online and open book evaluation of the Members knowledge of the standards, guidelines, legislation and regulations governing Respiratory Therapy practice in Ontario. The answers to all the questions are found within the documents available on the [CRTO website](#), which include:

- Professional Practice Guidelines;
- Clinical Best Practice Guidelines;
- CRTO Policies;
- CRTO Position Statements, Fact Sheets; and
- Relevant legislation and regulations (e.g., *Regulated Health Professionals Act, Respiratory Therapy Act, Controlled Acts Regulation*, etc.).

Each question in the assessment is answered and submitted individually. Please see sample question below.

**An RRT confers with a patient/client's family member about a new medication order. Regarding documentation, the RRT is now expected to:**

- A. Document the conversation because it is considered to be a patient/client contact.
- B. Not document the conversation because only examinations, diagnostic procedures and therapeutic interventions are considered to be a patient/client contact.
- C. Not document the conversation because only interactions with the patient/client or members of their medical team (e.g., physicians, nurses) are considered to be a patient/client contact.

Once the question has been submitted, the Member is provided with the correct answer, the rationale for the correct response and relevant references for each question, as is seen below.

**CORRECT RESPONSE:** A

**RATIONALE:**

- A) **The professional standard of practice is that every contact between an RT and a patient/client must be documented. Conferring with other members of the health care team (including the patient/client's family members) regarding their orders or medical status is considered to be a patient/client contact.**
- B) The professional standard of practice is that every contact between an RT and a patient/client must be documented. This includes discussing the patient/client's orders or medical status with members of the healthcare team (including the patient/client's family members).
- C) The professional standard of practice is that every contact between an RT and a patient/client must be documented. The patient/client's family members are to be part of the healthcare team and an interaction with them is considered to be a patient/client contact.

**REFERENCE:** CRTO. (June 2015). *Documentation*. Professional Practice Guideline. Toronto, Ontario: College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario. p. 7.

## I. WHO IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE ASSESSMENT?

To ensure that all CRTO Members have the same degree of foundational knowledge regarding the standards, guidelines, legislation and regulations governing RT practice, anyone registering with the CRTO for the first time is required to complete the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment (e.g., recent graduates). In addition, individuals whose membership is being reinstated (e.g., after revocation), are also required to complete the assessment.

For more information on who is required to complete the assessment, please follow this link to review the [Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment Policy](#).

### WHEN

Once the initial registration process is complete, Members will be notified that they are required to complete the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment, and will be given a specific 30-day period in which to complete the assessment.

**Please note:** Members can begin to work and continue to practice while waiting to complete the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment.

### SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

To successfully complete the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment, Members must meet a benchmark score of **70%**. If they are unsuccessful in the first attempt, the Member will be given one additional opportunity to complete the assessment. If the Member is unsuccessful a second time, he/she will be required to complete a Specified Continuing Education or Remediation Program (SCERP) in order to improve their knowledge of Respiratory Therapy standards of practice in Ontario. Additional information on SCERPs can be found in the CRTO's [Professional Development Program Policy](#).

Once the Member has successfully completed the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment, they are required to participate in the CRTO's Professional Development Program.

## III. HOW TO COMPLETE THE ASSESSMENT

Members access the assessment via their Professional Portfolio Online for Respiratory Therapists (PORTfolio<sup>OM</sup>), which is housed within the [Member Login](#) portion of the CRTO website.

**Step-by-step instructions** on how to complete the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment can be found by following this [link](#).

## IV. REQUESTS FOR DEFERRALS

Requests for deferrals from the Launch RT Jurisprudence Assessment will only be granted by the QAC in extenuating circumstances. It is important to recognise that a deferral does not exempt a Member from completing the Launch RT but rather provides a time-limited extension. Members requesting a deferral are required to complete the online deferral form, which can be found in the [Member Login](#) portion of the CRTO website. Deferrals will be considered on an individual basis.

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