

# Community Respiratory Therapy Practice Professional Practice Guideline (PPG) Amendments

## Consultation Summary

### Background

The Community Respiratory Therapy Practice PPG provides guidance with respect to the responsibilities and expectations of Respiratory Therapists that practice within the community setting. This PPG provides current legislation requirements and professional standards to ensure that RTs are providing safe, competent and ethical care.

Members who practice within the community setting have additional legislative requirements, and unique patient experiences that differ from the acute care setting. RTs must understand their responsibilities for ethical business practices, privacy laws, and record keeping.

The CRTO developed the Community Respiratory Therapy Practice PPG to clarify Members' obligations with respect to these differences.

The format and intent of this document is unchanged. All information available in other PPG's was removed and referenced rather than repeated to ensure concise and easily accessible information. Links were updated and pronouns made gender neutral.

Other changes were made to improve readability and to ensure consistency with other CRTO documents.

### Consultation Feedback Details

The document was posted according to the CRTO's public consultation process. A consultation survey was posted on the CRTO's website, and on our social media platforms, and shared with members. In total, 57 people viewed the consultation survey, and four responses were received (all Respiratory Therapists).

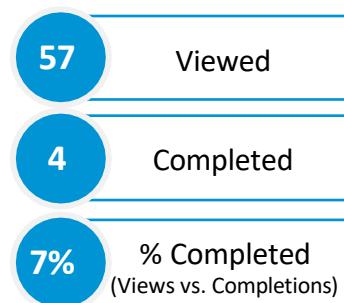
All respondents found the policy clear, understandable, and free from omissions and errors. No comments were received, and no changes were made to the policy as a result of this feedback.

**Date consultation opened for feedback:** October 4, 2025

**Length of time posted for consultation:** 37 days

**Date consultation closed:** November 10, 2025

#### CONSULTATION FEEDBACK



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## Outcome

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The final policy and the consultation feedback were reviewed by Council at the December 12, 2025, meeting and approved for use.



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