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# CHARGES REPORTED TO THE CRTO

Practice FAQs

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## QUESTION

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My understanding is that after January 1, 2016, if I am charged with an offence (but not yet found guilty) I have to report it to the CRTO and it will be posted on the Register. Why is the CRTO doing this?

## ANSWER

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It is important to understand that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) directed all health regulatory colleges to make increased transparency a strategic priority. The reason for this is that the public, the media and government are demanding greater access to information about healthcare professionals; particularly regarding conduct and practice issues. Some Colleges have already put changes in place in order to ensure that the public has access to the information, and others have scheduled changes to occur in the coming months.

Transparency fosters trust and enables member of the public to make informed choices about the healthcare services they obtain. Therefore, the CRTO, along with the other health care regulators, have been looking at ways to ensure that appropriate information about its Members is made available to the public. This includes such things as charges under the *Criminal Code of Canada*, the *Health Insurance Act* and the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. It does not include other municipal or provincial infractions unless related to a Member's suitability to practise.