

2019 Member Webinar

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Agenda

- Strategic & operational plans
- National Education Standards update
- Exam Update
- New Website & Database
- 2018 financial performance and 2019 budget
- 2019 Board Elections & volunteers
- 2019 Annual General Meeting & Rehab Week
- Dan Mead – Parting Remarks

** Please note this session will be recorded **



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Orthotics Prosthetics Canada

2019 – 2021 Strategic Plan Overview

VISION	Leading the advancement of orthotics and prosthetics		
MISSION	We foster the highest quality care by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and maintaining standards • Credentialing members and providing education • Advocating for and promoting the profession 		
ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES	<input type="radio"/> Integrity <input type="radio"/> Teamwork	<input type="radio"/> Excellence <input type="radio"/> Innovation	
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	<i>Stakeholder Relations</i>	<i>Supply of Professionals</i>	<i>Standards of Practice & Clinical Practice Guidelines</i>
GOALS	Improve awareness of orthotic and prosthetic professionals and the understanding of their competencies and treatments provided to increase referrals from health professionals, ensure recognition by public and private payers in their policies and government legislation and establish OPC as the body responsible for the profession.	To undertake actions that maintain necessary standards and increase the number of credentialed professionals in the country and their capacity to practice.	To establish leadership in the profession through the development of standards and guidelines to be consistently applied across the profession. To instill confidence in payers, health professions, governments and the public on the O&P profession.
INITIATIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Communicate WHO P&O Standards - Develop education and awareness resources - Build relations with patient groups & health professions - P&O presentations at Medical Schools - Meetings with insurance companies - Political events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish National Education Standards - Internal policy review to streamline processes - Identify options to increase P&O students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop practice standards for P&O profession - Create clinical practice guidelines for P&O profession - Leverage work done by other organizations - Update school accreditation standards

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Stakeholder Relations

- Improve awareness of orthotic and prosthetic professionals and the understanding of their competencies and treatments provided to increase referrals from health professionals, ensure recognition by public and private payers in their policies and government legislation and establish OPC as the body responsible for the profession.



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Stakeholder Relations Cont'd

Initiatives:

- Communicate WHO P&O Standards
- Develop education and awareness resources
- Build relations with patient groups & health professions
- P&O presentations at Medical Schools
- Meetings with Insurance companies
- Political events



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Supply of Professionals

- To undertake actions that maintain necessary standards and increase the number of credentialed professionals in the country and their capacity to practice.



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Supply of Professionals Cont'd

Initiatives:

- Establish National Education Standards
- Internal policy review to streamline processes
 - Foreign Trained Policies
 - ISPO Category 1 Countries
- Identify options to increase P&O students



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Standards of Practice & Clinical Practice Guidelines

- To establish leadership in the profession through the development of standards and guidelines to be consistently applied across the profession.
- To instill confidence in payers, health professions, governments and the public on the O&P profession.



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Standards of Practice & Clinical Practice Guidelines Cont'd

Initiatives:

- Develop practice standards for P&O profession
- Create clinical practice guidelines for P&O profession
- Leverage work done by other organizations
- Update school accreditation standards



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Update OPC Structure

- Organization structure adjusted to facilitate achievement of objectives.
 - **Professional Development Committee – Add: development of resources for the membership to build awareness and educate key stakeholders**
 - **Stakeholder Relations Committee – focus on awareness and education of our specific targeted audiences.**
 - **Nominations Committee – Add: governance and volunteer leadership mandate.**
 - **Establish task force to lead Supply of Professionals agenda**



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National Education Standards

- OPC commissioned report to make recommendations of education standards for the profession in Canada:
 1. Implementation of a Master entry-level credential for Prosthetists/Orthotists
 2. Increase the number of Prosthetist/Orthotist graduates/clinicians
 3. Increase the number of Prosthetic/Orthotic Technician education programs
 4. Implement an Associate Prosthetist/Orthotist educational level
 5. Create supporting documents for each of the educational levels established.



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National Education Standards Cont'd

- Education stakeholders in Canada provided feedback on report
- Determining next steps



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Exam Transition Update

- Last remaining piece for Exam Advisory panel is creation of written Registration examination
- OPC just contracted exam management software to more effectively manage exams
- Provides the capability to conduct computer based written examinations
- Great deal of work over the past 2 plus years to transition examinations as a more reliable and defensible assessment of competencies
- Many people involved along the way including Linda Laakso and Andrew McLeod and a huge thank you are extended to them and everyone else that made this happen.



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New OPC Database & Website

- OPC contracted a new database software
- New website to be developed with external focus
- Implementation in 2019
- Objectives:
 - Automate many of our current manual processes
 - Better capture and use member data
 - Enable enhanced communication with target audiences



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OPC Finances

- 2018 saw a deficit of - \$120 K
 - Investments underperformed by approx. \$105 K
 - Exceeded budget on Exam Transition by \$60 K
- 2019 budget is a - \$91 K deficit for Special Projects
 - New database and website
 - Exam management software
 - School Accreditation
 - Exam Transition
 - National Education Standards



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2019 Board Elections

- Nominations open until April 23
- Positions being sought:
 - **President (1)**
 - **Certified Orthotist (2)**
 - **Certified Prosthetist (1)**
 - **Registered Orthotic Technician (1)**
 - **Director at Large (1)**
- New Executive Governance changes to enhance succession
 - Past President (implemented in 2019 elections)
 - President Elect (implemented in 2020 elections)
 - President Elect to President in 2021



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OPC Volunteers

- This week marks Volunteer Appreciation Week!
- Recognize need for volunteers to add capacity
- Want to create positive experience
- Nominations Committee to add volunteer leadership to mandate
- New volunteer FAQ and sign-up to be added to new website



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OPC Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 25

5:00 PM

Toronto

- Will be a hybrid meeting with in person and online attendance.
- In partnership with ISPO Canada, whose AGM follows ours.



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Rehab Week 2019

- June 24 – 28, 2019
- Metro Toronto Conventions Centre
- <https://www.rehabweek.org/>

- 6 different rehab related Associations including ISPO Canada
- Early bird registration deadline is April 15



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2020 OPC National Conference



- MEC 2020 follows OPC conference
- Coordinating joint initiative



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Dan Mead

- Closing remarks

Thank You

- Thank you for joining us.
- If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the OPC National office.



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