



# Ontario Society of Chiropractors

*Strong Voice  
Strong Presence  
Strong Leadership*

Dear Colleagues:

Developments at the government level are about to affect you and your profession for the rest of your practice lives. At the request of the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Health Professions Advisory Council (HPRAC) is reviewing the scopes of practice of chiroprody and podiatry. HPRAC will advise the Minister on what, if any changes are recommended by the end of this year. This process was initiated at the request of the College of Chiropractors of Ontario and they are working on a submission in consultation with the OSC and the OPMA. The Minister's decisions based on HPRAC's advice will determine the name of our profession (chiroprody and/or podiatry) and what is included in our scope of practice. Our title, controlled/licensed acts, and entry to practice standards are all on the table. This kind of opportunity comes along rarely, and may not occur again for the rest of our practice lives, so we need to take full advantage of it!

Chiropractors need a strong voice representing them throughout discussions about the scope and title of chiropractors. The only organization that can speak for the profession is the OSC. The College represents the public and the OPMA represents podiatrists. A strong presence in chiroprody/podiatry scope and title discussions requires a strong membership – the majority of the profession. Lower membership has been used in the past to dispute or disregard our input. We must never let that happen again. Strong leadership in which government, other colleges, associations and non-governmental organizations look to the OSC and chiropractors for advice as experts in the field also requires an active association.

As a Chiropractor, you are a member of a profession, with responsibilities to yourself as a professional, and to your profession. It's more than a job. No chiropractor should wait passively to see the outcome of HPRAC deliberations. We can, we will, and we must ensure a strong future for our profession, for our patients, ourselves and for the prospective practitioners who follow us.

**You can make a difference by:**

**Attending the upcoming OSC Annual Convention, April 17-18.** Of course you get CE hours, but also there is an impressive list of leading speakers talking on a fantastic list of useful topics. You will get a chance to hear firsthand about recent OSC activities on your behalf.

**Joining the OSC.** The more members, the higher the credibility of the organization that is speaking on behalf of all chiropractors.

Those of us who have joined the OSC board have done so on a volunteer basis because of our commitment to the future of our profession and our colleagues. Not everyone has the time or circumstances to commit in a similar fashion, but you should ensure that you support your profession through your OSC membership. We can't do it alone, but we sure can do it together!

I look forward to catching up with old friends and making new acquaintances at the upcoming convention.

Regards,

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President

***We Can***

***We Will***

***We Must***