



Continuing Competency Program: E-News

... Keeping in touch with members!

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Mandate of Continuing Competency Program

To promote a reflective practice among occupational therapists in Nova Scotia by providing a structure that ensures therapists continue to maintain their knowledge and skills according to the College's standards.

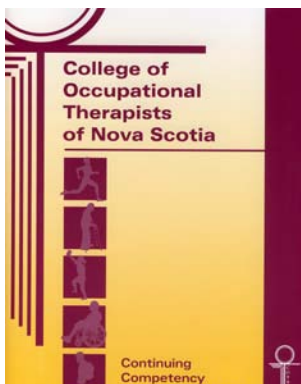
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Continuing Competency: Food for Thought

Canadian lawyer Jim Casey has dealt with hundreds of unprofessional conduct cases and, based on his experience, has prepared a list of 'top ten' causes of unprofessional conduct. Topping the list is.... **failure to maintain currency of professional knowledge and competence.**

Casey shares the following insight and advice:

- Health care is constantly evolving and professionals must keep pace with the change.
- There are many complaints of unskilled practice about professionals who once were very competent but who have not maintained their competence.
- "That's how we did it when I was trained 20 years ago," is not a valid defence.
- It's important to maintain a current knowledge base.
- Continuing Competence Programs are ideal tools. Use them.
- Take advantage of continuing education opportunities.
- Be familiar with your employer's policies and procedures.
- Understand the standards of practice for your profession.
- Be active with reading professional publications.

Taken from: http://www.fieldlaw.com/articles/JTC_Top10Causes.pdf

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"No letters after your name are ever going to be a total guarantee of competence any more than they are a guarantee against fraud. Improving competence involves continuing professional development... That is the really crucial thing, not just passing the examination." (Colette Bowe)

2010 Registration Countdown

May 17 is less than **50 days** away!

Have you started your Self Assessment?

Colleagues who have completed their self assessment report that it takes about **6 to 20 hours** to complete the Self Assessment. Pace yourself – you still have time left. Use point form when providing examples on your Self Assessment form. Visit www.cotns.ca to download the forms you need.

The Clock is ticking!!!

