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Response to the Physiotherapy Scope of Practice Review Joint Submission

The Respiratory Therapy Society of Ontario (RTSO) acknowledges the work of the College of Physiotherapists of Ontario (CPO) and the Ontario Physiotherapists Association (OPA) on this scope of practice submission. Also, the RTSO extends its appreciation to the Health Professions Regulatory Advisory Council (HPRAC) for the opportunity to provide feedback on this submission.

The RTSO takes this opportunity to state its broad support for the proposed submission to amend the scope of practice of Physiotherapy in Ontario.

The RTSO requests clarification regarding just one proposed change. This scope of practice review requests a change to the Respiratory Therapy Act to allow Physiotherapists the ability to place an order for services by a Respiratory Therapist. The RTSO cannot foresee a circumstance under which it would be appropriate for such an order to occur. Our recommendation is that the Respiratory Therapy Act does not undergo the proposed changes, thereby remaining unaltered.

The professions of Respiratory Therapy and Physiotherapy have a long history of interprofessional collaboration. The RTSO invites the CPO and OPA to engage our organization should professional development opportunities arise in shared practice areas.

Respectfully,

RESPIRATORY THERAPY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO

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