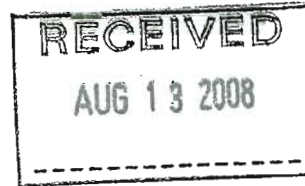




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Dear Annie:

Letter of Support Regarding Proposals Made by the College of Dietitians of Ontario

Proposed legislation changes for Dietitian Diabetes Educators include the authorization of registered dietitians to perform skin pricks for the purpose of monitoring blood glucose levels.

I support this initiative for dietitians working in Diabetes Education Centres. Dietitians are often alone with patients with diabetes who may experience hypoglycemia. It is essential that a blood glucose measurement is done and often these patients are incapable of doing this at the time of a hypoglycemic episode.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Schiefer:

Letter of Support Regarding Proposals Made by the College of Dietitians of Ontario

I am pleased to respond to the HPRAC's call for letters of support regarding the proposals made by the College of Dietitians of Ontario (CDO).

My response is made on behalf of the Hotel Dieu Hospital and speaks to the role of the Registered Dietitians who are Certified Diabetes Educators within the Diabetes Education and Management Center (DEMC) here.

I would like to address two of the proposals in particular:

1. **RDs be authorized to make adjustments for insulin:** Currently the RDs in the DEMC function as proposed to instruct patients about appropriate self-adjustment of insulin dosages through education and at times of crisis under a medical directive. Medical Directive 13-01 Insulin Dose Adjustment (Adult) and Medical Directive 13-02 Pediatric Diabetes Education were originally developed to enhance timely access to quality patient care.
2. **RDs be authorized to perform skin pricks for the purpose of monitoring capillary blood levels (currently mainly blood glucose):** Currently hypoglycemia is managed by Registered Nurses in the DEMC under Medical Directives 13-03 Glucose Meter Correlation Testing and 15-01 Management of Hypoglycemia (Adult). For occasions when an RN is not immediately available and when patients are unable to take their own blood glucose measurement, the RDs have requested that a Delegated Controlled Act be developed allowing them to be trained on use of the glucometer and management of hypoglycemia. The proposed changes would preclude the necessity for this work, freeing up valuable and limited clinician and professional practice resources. Again, our primary goal is to enhance safe, timely, and appropriate patient care with efficient use of our resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this input within the review process.

Sincerely,

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