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Response to submissions on Interprofessional Collaboration Scope of Practice Review.

The College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario (“the College”) is pleased to have an opportunity to participate at this stage of the consultation process related to the Physiotherapy Scope of Practice Review.

The proposed revision to the scope of practice for physiotherapists and the authority for an additional five controlled acts or components of controlled acts is a sound approach that will enhance interprofessional care.

The proposed scope statement delineates the various aspects of physiotherapy practice and clearly identifies their focus on physical dysfunction.

The College supports this flexible model that will permit health professionals to work within their full scope and access controlled acts that are within their competencies. With controlled act standards and regulatory programs in place, practitioners’ individual competence can be identified and supported in this proposed model.

It is timely that the Minister of Health is considering changes to the scopes of practice for health professionals. Many changes have occurred over the past 17 years within practice settings, the health care system, and in legislation that have affected the evolution of health professions. Change to scopes of practice with additional access to controlled acts will expand public access to appropriate care.

The College has previously identified a commitment to a review of the scope of practice statement in the Occupational Therapy Act, 1991 and continues to look forward to a future opportunity to participate in this important initiative which contributes to interprofessional collaboration.

Sincerely,

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