



**College of Optometrists of Ontario
Council Meeting
December 9, 2019 - TELECONFERENCE
APPROVED**

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Attendance:

Dr. Pooya Hemami, President	Mr. Howard Kennedy
Dr. Richard Kniaziew, Vice President	Mr. Hsien Ping (Albert) Liang
Dr. Patrick Quaid, Treasurer	Dr. Annie Micucci
Ms. Suzanne Allen	Dr. Kamy Morcos
Dr. Linda Chan	Dr. Christopher Nicol
Dr. Bill Chisholm	Dr. Areef Nurani
Ms. Winona Hutchinson	Mr. Narendra Shah
Mr. Bashar Kassir	Mr. John Van Bastelaar

Regrets:

Dr. Lisa Christian

Staff:

Ms. Maureen Boon, Registrar & CEO	Ms. Amber Lepage-Monette
Ms. Hanan Jibry	Mr. Justin Rafton

1 **1. Call to Order:** Dr. Hemami called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Dr. Hemami welcomed everyone
2 in attendance and took roll call. L. Christian sent her regrets; N. Shah joined several minutes into the call.

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4 **2. Adoption of the Agenda:** A draft agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

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6 Moved by R. Kniaziew and seconded by P. Quaid **to adopt the agenda.**

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8 **Motion carried**

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10 **a. Conflicts of Interest:** Dr. Hemami asked Council members if anyone had a conflict of interest with any
11 item on the day's agenda.

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13 None declared

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15 **3. Proposed Amendments to the Designated Drug and Standards of Practice Regulation**

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17 Council discussed the feedback received through the consultation process, including several questions
18 raised through stakeholder feedback (i.e., pediatric patients, 14-day restriction, and oral medication).

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20 B. Chisholm addressed these issues – specifically that the 14-day restriction is addressed in the second
21 motion before Council, and that no changes are being proposed to the prescribing of oral medications.
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23 Moved by K. Morcos and seconded by R. Kniaziew that **Council approve proposed amendments to the**
24 **Designated Drugs and Standards of Practice Regulation (O Reg. 112/11) for submission to the Ministry**
25 **of Health.**

26 **Motion carried**

27 **Recorded vote: All councillors present on the teleconference voted in favour of the motion.**
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29 Council discussed the proposed amendments to OPR 4.4, which clarify the issue of prescribing greater
30 than 14 days.
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32 When the amendments to the Designated Drug and Standards of Practice Regulation are approved, then
33 OPR 4.4 will be reviewed in its entirety. The current amendment to the OPR 4.4 proposed today
34 addresses stakeholder concerns and clarifies that revoking the 14-day restriction is specific to the
35 treatment of dry eye and does not apply to the treatment of acute infections.
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37 Moved by P. Quaid and seconded by A. Micucci that **Council approve proposed amendments to OPR**
38 **4.4 *The Use and Prescribing of Drugs in Optometric Practice*, contingent upon Ministry approval of the**
39 **proposed drug regulation and revocation of the 14-day restriction on prescribing of oral antibacterial**
40 **drugs.**

41 **Motion carried**

42 **Recorded vote: All councillors present on the teleconference voted in favour of the motion.**
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44 **4. Consultation re: Entry-to-Practice Exam**

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46 P. Hemami updated Council on the Entry-to-Practice Exam process. A consultation was circulated mid-
47 November and will close in early January ahead of the January Council meeting. To date there have been
48 only a few responses.
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50 There will also be several opportunities for FORAC to provide feedback in both December and February.
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53 **5. Dates of Upcoming Council Meetings**

- 54 • Friday January 17, 2020
 - 55 • Monday April 20, 2020
 - 56 • Thursday June 25, 2020
 - 57 • Friday September 25, 2020
 - 58 • Friday December 4, 2020
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61 **6. Adjournment:** Moved by R. Kniaziew and seconded P. Quaid to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.
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Motion carried