



OCSWSSW Website Navigation Guide

The homepage for the OCSWSSW website can be accessed [here](#).

Under the [Applicants tab](#) you can find information on how to become a member of the College. As an additional resource, a [student presentation](#) is available on our website.

The [Professional Practice](#) webpage provides access to College resources and information on the Professional Practice Department's services, including consultations and presentations. You can find resources to support teaching and practice, such as the Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice, Practice Guidelines and Practice Notes.

The [Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice](#) sets out the minimum requirements of professional and ethical practice and conduct for members of the College.

[Practice Guidelines](#) contain practice advice on the following topics:

- [Custody and Assessments](#)
- [Medication Practices](#)
- [Consent and Confidentiality with Children and Youth](#)
- [Performing the Controlled Act of Psychotherapy](#)

The College has developed the [ETHICS→A: Ethical Decision-Making Tool](#) - in order to assist members in considering the issues and applying their professional judgment in particular scenarios. The Tool supports ethical and professional practice by providing a decision-making process for members to follow.

To assist members in understanding the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* (PHIPA), the College developed the [PHIPA Toolkit](#).

[Practice Notes](#) is a regular feature in the College's *Perspective* newsletter. They are educational tools to assist in gaining a better understanding of how the Standards of Practice may apply to recurring issues in everyday practice. Practice Notes span many topics including consent and confidentiality, boundaries, documentation and technology, as shown on the screen shot below.

Practice Notes

Practice Notes is a regular feature in the College's newsletter *Perspective*. It is designed as an educational tool to assist Ontario social workers, social service workers, employers and members of the public in gaining a better understanding of how the Standards of Practice may apply to recurring issues in every day practice. The notes offer general guidance only and members with specific practice inquiries should consult the College, since the relevant standards and appropriate course of action will vary depending on the situation.

Consent and Confidentiality

[To Report or Not to Report: When That Is the Question](#)
["Setting the Table" – Issues to Consider When Initiating Client Conversations](#)
[Meeting Professional Obligations and Protecting Clients' Privacy: Disclosure of Information Without Consent](#)
[Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information without Client Consent](#)
[Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest](#)

Boundaries

[The Slippery Slope to Sexual Misconduct: Be Informed, Be Aware](#)
[Dual Relationships: Ensuring Clients Best Interests Are Paramount](#)
[Dual Relationships: Approach with Caution](#)
[Boundary Violations](#)

Professional and Ethical Practice

[ETHICS→A: Ethical Decision-Making Tool](#)
[But "They" Told Me To! Owning Your Professional Accountability](#)
[Professional, Ethical, Qualified, Accountable: The Benefits of Registration](#)
[Supervision: At the Core of Competent and Ethical Practice](#)
[The Inter-professional Team – Asset or Encumbrance?](#)
[The Importance of Professional Judgment](#)
[Incorporating Adjunct Techniques – What Are The Considerations?](#)
[Where Do I Stand?: Understanding the Relationship Between the College and Your Employer](#)
[Work Stoppage: Guidelines for Members of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers](#)

Practice Resources

[The Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice](#)
[Practice Guidelines](#)
[ETHICS→A: Ethical Decision-Making Tool](#)
[Practice Notes](#)
[Practice Webinars](#)
[Scopes of Practice Paper](#)
[Medical Assistance in Dying](#)
[PHIPA Toolkit](#)
[SWSSWA Use of the Title "Dr" Use of Title and Holding Out Provisions](#)

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For information on discipline decisions that have been published on the College website, please see [here](#).

Other useful [resources](#):

[The Use of Title and Holding Out Provisions](#)

[The Duty to Report under the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, 2017](#)

[Medical Assistance in Dying: What Are My Professional Obligations?](#)

For more information or to book a presentation, please contact Christina Van Sickle, Director of Professional Practice at cvansickle@ocswssw.org.