

## Practice Enhancement Tool – Frequently Asked Questions

### ***What is the Practice Enhancement Tool?***

The Practice Enhancement Tool is a computer-based self-assessment program that allows you to review your practice, knowledge, skill and judgement based on peer-derived standards. It is easily accessible from any computer with an internet connection.

The College has been working very closely with the National Dental Examining Board in the development of this tool to ensure its validity and integrity.

### ***Why do I need to take this self-assessment?***

Our governing legislation, the Regulated Health Professions Act, requires the College to have a QA Program that includes self, peer and practice assessment. The College wanted to build a program that would benefit both the profession and the public. That's why we designed an easy-to-use self-assessment and worked in collaboration with the NDEB to ensure a positive and fruitful experience.

This self-assessment provides a vehicle to demonstrate your continued competency and knowledge without having to go through office visits and other traditional ways of assessing performance.

### ***Who is required to take the self-assessment?***

In accordance with our Quality Assurance Regulation, every member with a general or specialty certificate of registration is to complete a self-assessment once every five years.

Starting in late spring of this year, the College will begin the random selection of 150 members each month to complete their self-assessment. The random selection is taken from a computer-generated list of current members.

### ***How are randomly-selected members notified?***

You will be notified in writing 30 days in advance of your start date and provided with login instructions and a temporary password to access your online self-assessment. You will also receive a detailed user guide to help you navigate the assessment.

Once you reach the start date, you will have 30 days to complete your self-assessment.

### ***How does the self-assessment work?***

The assessment consists of 200 multiple choice and case study questions that are based on a foundation of knowledge that is required of all dentists. Initially, the questions will cover six different areas of practice, including:

- pharmacology
- oral medicine and pathology
- radiology
- diagnosis and management of caries
- diagnosis and management of endodontics
- diagnosis and management of periodontics

The self-assessment is essentially open-book. You can refer to

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textbooks, journals and other resources to help you answer any and all questions. This is all part of the learning process. You can pause during a session, log out and research a particular subject area before proceeding or use a built-in feature that allows you to flag questions that you would like to review before asking the program to provide you with your results, that only you will know about. You can log out and log back in repeatedly during the 30-day period, completing as many of the assessment questions as you wish during any given session.

## What happens after I finish my self-assessment?

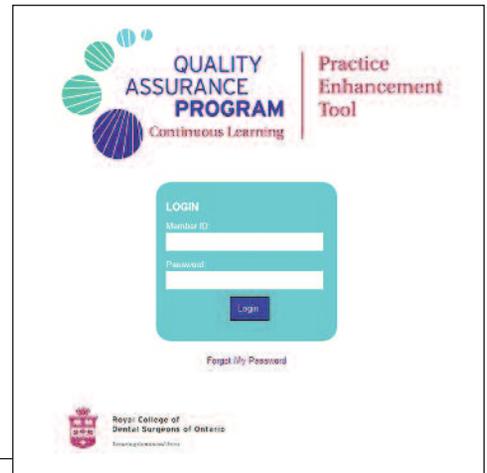
Once you've asked the program for your results, they will pop up on the screen immediately. We expect that the overwhelming majority of members will find out that, relative to their peers, they are competent in all areas of practice covered by the self-assessment.

Others may find that, relative to their peers, their results indicate that they may benefit from continuing education activities in one or more areas of practice that they may pursue on their own initiative.

All you need to do is print off your results to keep them with your other CE documentation.

As part of the supportive philosophy of the new QA Program, Dr. Greg Anderson, the College's Practice Enhancement Consultant, is here to assist you at any time in identifying appropriate continuing education or professional development activities.

*You will be provided with a link to the login page, seen here. You will then type in your Member ID and password to proceed to the self-assessment.*



*Every time you log in you are taken to this welcome screen which provides information on the assessment and also provides contact information if you encounter any difficulties.*

## WHO TO CALL IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

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