



THE EXAMINER

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The Bi-monthly newsletter of the College of Optometrists of British Columbia

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Greetings from the College

Seasons greetings to all in this second year of restrictions and uncertainty. The College wishes all a safe and healthy holiday season. Please note the College office will close December 25 and reopen Jan 4, 2022



Patient records

Questions come up from time to time from members of the public and from some of you, regarding rules around records and places of practice. Please remember that your place of practice must have secure storage of records. The only ones who can access those records are yourself and your staff who have signed confidentiality agreements. Electronic records are handled the same as paper ones, and must be on a separate computer that is password protected. Records can only be owned by yourself, another Optometrist, or an Optometric Corporation.

No matter what kind of contract you enter into for the use of a space as your “place of practice” you are always responsible for following the bylaws and policies of the College.



Our Mandate

To act in the public interest and to ensure the public is provided with safe, ethical, and effective optometric services throughout the province.

Optometric Corporations

If you practice under an Optometric Corporation, ensure that you have the latest year’s “sticker” attached to the Certificate and that the certificate is on prominent display in your place of practice.

The Examiner is distributed to registrants of the College of Optometrists of BC. It is one of the College's official methods of notification to its registrants. Registrants are responsible for reading College publications to ensure that they are aware of current standards, policies and guidelines.

Policies



The policy document on the website has been updated please view below:

<http://optometrybc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021-December-policies-2.pdf>

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