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Use of artificial intelligence (AI) in day-to-day practice

As tools such as Chat GPT become more widely available, please be mindful of the fact that the program is learning from what you input into it. As such there is a danger that personal details about patients could be shared with the wider world. Therefore, do not input any personal information into any AI tools such as Chat GPT.

“Protection of personal information

99. (1) A registrant must protect personal information by making reasonable security arrangements against such risks as unauthorized access, collection, use, disclosure or disposal.

(2) A registrant must take reasonable measures to ensure that a third party, including a volunteer, employee of or contractor of the registrant or a health professions corporation or a student practitioner under the supervision of the registrant, does not access, collect, use, disclose, store or dispose of personal information except in accordance with the requirements of this Part.”

PEP and CE requirements

PEP is open for all registrants who were registered on Dec 1, 2023.

- For those who completed their Self -assessment and PD plan for renewal on October 31, 2023 – you are in Cohort # 1 and this year **must complete your PD Plan review by October 31, 2024.**
- Those who registered during the 2023 year are in Cohort # 2 and you **must complete your Self-assessment by July 31, 2024,** and your PD Plan by October 31, 2024.

PEP portal is found [[here](#)].

ALL registrants must complete at least 20 hours of approved (COPE or College) CE by October 31, 2024, in order to renew your registration. To obtain College approval for CE credits, the CE



Our Mandate

Our mandate is to serve and protect all British Columbians, ensuring that regulated Optometrists deliver qualified, safe, and ethical care to their patients.

Holiday Closure

Family Day

February 19, 2024

Good Friday

March 29, 2024

Easter Monday

April 1st, 2024

Board Meeting

provider must apply to the College for approval prior to the CE event being offered.

March 11, 2024

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