Consultation open on change to Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario

The College is inviting your input on proposed changes to the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario which would remove the Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties as a requirement under the library section and add a requirement that facilities contain a human pharmaceutical reference in either hard copy or online.

Consultation - Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties

Under the Veterinarians Act, College Council has the authority to establish the standards for veterinary facilities in Ontario, while the Accreditation Committee has the authority to exempt a veterinary facility from compliance with any requirement within the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario (MSVFO).

The Accreditation Committee considers requests, received by the Registrar, for exemption from one or more facility standards outlined in the MSVFO. Frequent requests for exemption from a standard may, among other reasons, suggest that the standard does not reflect the current accepted and reasonable practice.

The Committee keeps track of trends regarding facility standards that are found deficient on a regular basis during inspections to determine if, for instance, there are reasonable alternatives for a requirement, or there have been changes in the way veterinary medicine is practiced making an item redundant or obsolete.

The purpose of this consultation is for facility directors and relevant stakeholders to provide their comments on the following proposed revision to the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario:

1. Removal from Titles 1-12 under the Library Section of the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario the standard which states that the facility must contain a Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties published within the last three years, and
2. Adding to Titles 1-12 under the Library Section of the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario the standard which states that the facility must contain a human pharmaceutical reference that is relevant to the Canadian context (hard
The basis for this revision to the MSVFO included expert opinion and staff's research of the standards of other veterinary regulatory bodies related to having a Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties. The information gathered confirmed that there are other reputable human pharmaceutical reference materials available and that the CPS should not be a mandatory requirement.

This consultation is open until August 21, 2017. Council will review feedback at its September 27-28, 2017 meeting.

CLICK HERE to share your thoughts on the proposed change to the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario

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