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Authority and Accountability	The Standards Committee is a non-statutory committee of the Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario and is established pursuant to section 12.02 of the by-laws and GP06 - Committee Principles of the Council governing policies. The Committee is accountable directly to the Council of the College.	
Limitations	The Standards Committee shall only exercise the authority and fulfill the duties and responsibilities authorized in the by-laws and by these Terms of Reference.	
Responsibilities	<p>The Standards Committee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop, undertake consultations on, and approve the Standards of Practice of the profession. • Develop, undertake consultations on, and approve Guidelines governing the practice of the profession. • Develop, undertake consultations on, and approve policies governing the practice of the profession. • Review and respond, as appropriate, to requests from other regulatory authorities for comments on draft standards and guidelines under consultation. • Ensure that all standards, guidelines and policies are transparent, objective, impartial, and fair, free of discrimination and bias and support the Council's commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging. 	
Appointment and composition	<p>The Standards Committee shall be appointed by the Council and shall be comprised of no fewer than three but as many individuals as the Council may deem appropriate, such that the Committee members include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to but no more than one Council member, • Any number of registrants, at least one of whom has met the Standard of Practice on Prescribing and the Standard of Practice on Intravenous Infusion Therapy established in the General Regulation, and • Any number of Public Representatives as defined in the by-laws. <p>A Committee Chair, and where deemed necessary by the Council a Committee Vice-Chair, shall also be appointed by the Council.</p>	
Exclusions	<p>Any person who is appointed to the following Committees shall not be eligible for appointment to the Standards Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discipline Committee. 2. Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee. 	
Term of Office	The Standards Committee members shall be appointed for approximately one year and may be re-appointed annually by the Council, at its sole discretion.	
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Meetings	<p>The Standards Committee shall meet on a date and at a time set by the Committee Chair at least ten days in advance of the meeting date unless a majority of Committee members agree to a shorter period.</p> <p>In the event that the Committee Chair is unable to preside at a duly called meeting, the Vice-Chair, if one is appointed, shall preside. Otherwise, the Chair may designate an acting Chair from among the Committee members, or where the Chair has not done so, an acting Chair for the meeting shall be selected by and from among the Committee members present.</p>
Quorum	<p>Pursuant to section 12.06 of the by-laws, quorum for meetings of the Standards Committee shall be three members of the Committee, at least one of which shall be a Public member or a Public Representative as defined in the by-laws.</p> <p>In cases of urgency as determined by the Chair, the Public member/Public Representative requirement for the purposes of quorum may be waived.</p>
Reports	<p>The Committee Chair, on behalf of the Committee, shall provide to the Chief Executive Officer an Annual Report on the performance of its responsibilities and outcomes of its activities for the period of April 1st of the previous year to March 31st of the current year, subject to any requirements of the <i>Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991</i>. The Annual Report shall be submitted on a schedule determined by the Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>The Committee Chair shall also submit a bi-monthly report to the Council addressing matters of importance to the Committee, including but not necessarily limited to volunteer resources, attendance issues, trends in activities before the committee and volume of work.</p>

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