



# THE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGISTS OF ONTARIO (CMLTO)

## PRC 08

# Administration of Funds for Therapy and Counselling

### Patient Relations Committee

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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As stipulated in Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991* (RHPA), the Health Professions Procedural Code, section [87.5 Funding for Therapy or Counselling](#), the College must have a program to fund therapy or counselling for persons who, while patients, allege they were sexually abused by a medical laboratory technologist (MLT).

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

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## 3.0 THE POLICY

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When the College receives a request for sexual abuse funding, a Patient Relations Committee (PRC) Panel meeting will be convened as soon as reasonably possible. The PRC Panel reviews requests based on the following criteria:

- Are the request forms complete?
- Has a complaint or report alleging sexual abuse of the patient by an MLT been made to the College?
- Has the therapist/counsellor provided relevant details for their services related to the sexual abuse of patients?

The applicant is not required to undergo a psychological or other assessment before receiving funding. The approval or denial of funding does not constitute a finding against the registrant who has allegedly sexually abused the patient. Information related to funding requests is not shared with any other Committee of the College.

If the patient decides to work with a new therapist or counsellor, the new therapist/counsellor will be required to complete a new form. College staff will review the new form and verify the new therapist/counsellor's credentials or services. Where applicable, staff may refer the amended funding request to the PRC for approval.

If necessary, the PRC may request further information or documents prior to approving or denying a request. If a request is denied, the reasons will be provided to the patient. An appeal may be made to the PRC.



## **Allocation & Monitoring of Funds**

The funds will be maintained in alignment with CMLTO Board Policy and issued in accordance with Ontario Regulation 59/94 under the RHPA. When the patient has four (4) months of eligibility or twenty-five (25) half-hour sessions remaining, the PRC will direct staff to notify the patient and therapist or counselor regarding the remaining funds or time.

## **Cessation of eligibility**

Approved funding may cease when:

1. The funding issued reaches the amount that the Ontario Health Insurance Plan would pay for 200 half-hour sessions of individual out-patient psychotherapy with a psychiatrist.
2. The period of funding for sexual abuse is five (5) years from the day on which the person became eligible for funding or the day they first received therapy or counselling related to the abuse (i.e., if they started getting therapy for the abuse before they reported the abuse to the CMLTO).

## **4.0 PURPOSE *(Intent)***

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To describe the criteria used when reviewing requests for therapy and counselling funding for the sexual abuse of patients.

## **5.0 SCOPE *(The policy applies to)***

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The policy applies to the PRC when reviewing applications for therapy/counselling for sexual abuse.

## **6.0 COMMITTEE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES *(If applicable)***

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## **7.0 PRINCIPLES**

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## **8.0 DEFINITIONS**

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- College – The College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Ontario (CMLTO)
- PRC – Patient Relations Committee



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- RHPA – *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*

## **9.0 EXCEPTIONS**

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