



THE COLLEGE OF
VETERINARIANS
OF ONTARIO

REPORT ON CONSULTATION

Topic: Revising Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario

Consultation Period: June 20 – August 21, 2017

Submissions: 63 submissions

Background on the Consultation

The College Council at its June 14, 2017 meeting approved the following circulation to stakeholders for the modification to the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario (MSVFO):

- a) 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

- b) 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 copy or internet access is acceptable).

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 MSVFO.

Overview of Feedback

Respondents had the choice of being in favour of the proposed revision, or to be opposed to the proposed revision or to be neutral. In addition, they were asked if they had any other comments for Council's consideration.

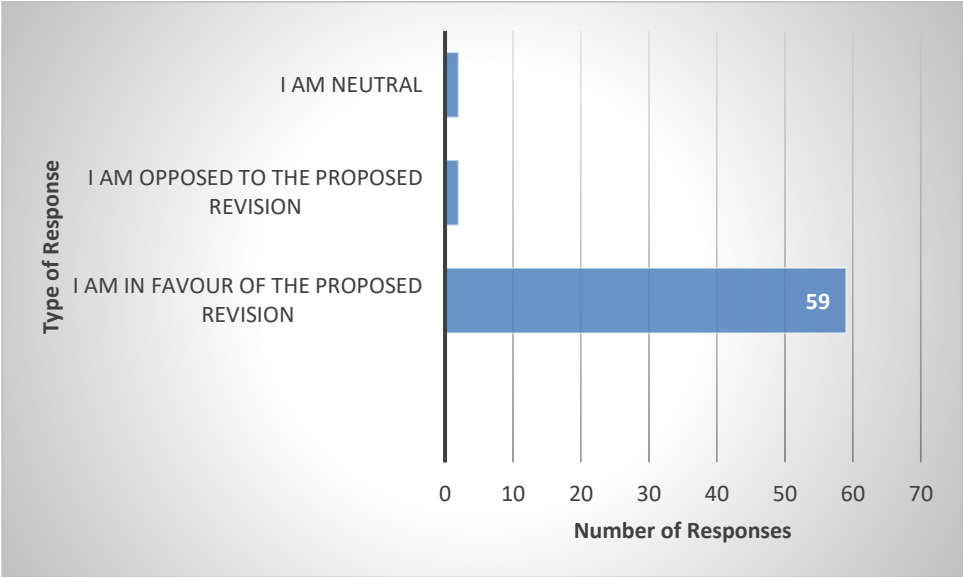
RESPONSES RECEIVED

The College received 61 online responses and 2 email responses.

The Ontario Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) and the Veterinary Practice Owners Association (VPOA) also provided feedback on the proposed revision to the MSVFO.

The Ontario Veterinary Medical Association (OVMA) was in favour of the proposed revision.

STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED MODEL



Examples of comments received:

- *“The Compendium of Pharmaceuticals is easily available and comprehensive. This change is unnecessary”*
- *“I fully support this revision.”*
- *“Yes, I think this a great revision to the minimum standards as we do not find the CPS a useful part of our library. It is an unneeded expense. Thank you for considering this change.”*
- *“I think it is time for council to start letting members decide what they need in order to practice. Only step in if we fail to meet the standard. Replacing one irrelevant requirement for another is just a paper chase which makes regulators feel good but does little to protect the public interest.”*
- *“The Compendium of Pharmaceuticals is easily available and comprehensive. What other reference would be acceptable? This change is unnecessary.”*

Council September 2017 Discussion and Decision

At its September 27, 2017 meeting, Council considered the feedback received and approved the revision as stated.

Therefore, in Titles 1-12 under the Library Section of the Minimum Standards for Veterinary Facilities in Ontario, the standard will state that “the facility must contain a human pharmaceutical reference that is relevant to the Canadian context (hard copy or internet access is acceptable)”.

Suitable alternative resources would be:

- http://canadian-pill-identifier.com/pill-identifier.php?site_language=english
- <https://health-products.canada.ca/dpd-bdpp/index-eng.jsp>
- <http://reference.medscape.com/drug-interactionchecker>

Or, the Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties will still meet the Minimum Standard.