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*The College of Naturopaths of Ontario is a governing body that protects the public and earns public trust and confidence by regulating Naturopathic Doctors to ensure safe, ethical, and competent naturopathic care for the people of Ontario. The College is a leader and innovator in risk-based health regulation and modern governance approaches.*

- 1 The College is a leader in accountability for naturopathy in Ontario. As such it has a comprehensive accountability framework that applies to all sectors of the naturopathic profession in Ontario.
  - 1.1 The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario demonstrates that it makes efficient use of its resources and is accountable for its decisions and processes.
  - 1.2 The CEO of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario demonstrates that they make efficient use of resources, fulfill their mandate within the regulatory framework and is accountable for their decisions.
  - 1.3 Through cooperation and the accountability framework, the College works with professional associations and helps to ensure that their actions are in support of the regulatory framework and role of the College.
  - 1.4 Through cooperation and the accountability framework, the College works with educators and educational institutions and helps to ensure that training of the profession is done in a manner that supports the regulatory framework and the role of the College.
  
2. Stakeholders understand the role of the College, have confidence and trust in its ability to perform its role, and cooperate with the College to ensure effective regulation of the profession.
  - 2.1 The general public and patients understand the role of the College and trust it to hold the profession accountable.
  - 2.2 Registrants understand and support the role of the College through active participation in its programming; adherence to regulation, standards and policies; and by relying on the College as a valuable resource.
    - 2.2.1 Registrants serve as ambassadors for the College and a conduit for engagement with the public/patients.
  - 2.3 Naturopathic stakeholders respect and cooperate with the College.
  
3. The College is a leader in being open, transparent and collaborative.
  - 3.1 Registrants are engaged in regulatory decision-making.
  - 3.2 The public is engaged in regulatory decision-making.
  - 3.3 Naturopathic stakeholders are engaged in regulatory decision-making.
  - 3.4 Health regulatory Colleges and the Government of Ontario are engaged in regulatory decision-making.
  - 3.5 Meetings of the College are open to the public, and the College makes the following information available to the public.
    - 3.5.1 Council and Committee decisions.
    - 3.5.2 Summary information about complaints and CEO Investigations.
    - 3.5.3 Status of the Registrants' participation in the Quality Assurance Program.
    - 3.5.4 Summary of applications for registration-
  
4. The College regulates the profession efficiently and effectively relying on a risk-based approach to regulation as opposed to a solely traditional approach.
  - 4.1 Naturopathic doctors are aware of the risks associated with each treatment and professional activity and provide safe, competent, and ethical naturopathic care that is

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- patient-centred and works to eliminate or minimize these risks.
  - 4.2 Registrants, and individuals seeking to become Naturopathic Doctors in Ontario, are evaluated based on their competence and evaluations are relevant, fair, objective, and impartial.
  - 4.3 Registrants are aware of the rules by which they are governed and are properly supported by the College.
  - 4.4 Government, stakeholders and the public have access to the information that they need to support effective and efficient decision-making.
- 5. The College is governed efficiently and effectively.
  - 5.1 The College's governing Council is appropriately structured and makes evidence-informed, risk-based decisions.
  - 5.2 Operations are cost-effective and sustainable.
  - 5.3 In addition to other potential revenue sources, reasonable fees are paid to provide the College with sufficient resources.
  - 5.4 Financial resources are prudently managed.

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