

**SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF PODIATRISTS**  
**QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE**  
**PRACTICE ASSESSMENT**

Conflict of Interest Statement

It is probable that the assessor and member already have had some form of contact with one another. Given that membership numbers are small within SCOP all members are likely to have met or had previous contact. Minimal or collegial contact between the assessor and member is unlikely to result in a conflict of interest or real or perceived bias. Examples of bias could exist with present or previous personal relationships, professional relationships (shared practices, business arrangements, etc), and an existing relationship where one member is in a position of authority to another.

Each case is evaluated on its own set of circumstances. Either an assessor or member may claim a conflict of interest or bias and request an alternate person. It could be considered unprofessional conduct to not disclose an apparent conflict and would invalidate the practice assessment process.

Once the assessment process begins there should be minimal contact outside of the assessment between the member and assessor. The assessor should not comment on the practice assessment process during this period. All regulatory by-laws regarding confidentiality remain in full effect. The assessor may direct the member to seek additional information from the Registrar at the College if necessary.