

## **Co-signing Interns' Records**

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### **Background:**

The College is required to “establish, monitor and enforce standards of practice to enhance the quality of practice and reduce incompetent, impaired or unethical practice amongst registrants.” In addition, Principle 2 of the CDBC Code of Ethics states “A Registered Dietitian assumes responsibility and holds her/himself personally accountable for all actions taken in the delivery of dietetic services by: ... assuming responsibility for services provided by those under their supervision.”

Interns are not registrants of the CDBC. Registrants who agree to supervise interns are therefore accountable to the client and responsible for the care the interns provide. These supervisory actions enhance the intern’s practice and protect the public from harm.

### **Policy:**

The supervising Registered Dietitian (RD) reviews the dietetic intern’s care and entry in the client’s record after client care is provided and co-signs the entry with explanatory notes or corrective actions as necessary. Co-signing is required whether or not client care is observed.

### **References:**

- [CDBC Practice Guidelines - Co-signing Interns' Records](#)
- [CDBC Code of Ethics - Principles and Guidelines](#)