



**Benefits of being an ACO member:**

Acupuncture Council of Ontario (ACO) was formed in the mid 1990's by the Ontario Chiropractic Association to give chiropractors a voice in the Acupuncture community. Initially we were the unofficial gate keepers recognized by insurance companies and WSIB as the chiropractors who met the standard for providing Acupuncture. We were instrumental in representing chiropractors when Acupuncture legislation was introduced and passed in Ontario.

Subsequently Acupuncture was included in our Chiropractic Scope of Practice and ACO's role is now more educational to maintain high standards of our members in the practice of acupuncture. ACO is also a liason between the Traditional Chinese Medicine and acupuncture community and its members.

We keep abreast of all the major programs e.g.

- Humber College's Program of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture.
- McMaster Medical Acupuncture.
- McMaster Contemporary Acupuncture.
- Toronto School of Traditional Chinese Medicine (Dr. Mary Wu).
- CMAAC (Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Association of Canada).
- Ontario College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (Dr. Ben Wu).
- Acupuncture Canada.
- Along with any acupuncture events, and inform our members of such programs, events, and regulations, accordingly.

While supporting the above-mentioned roles of the ACO, you are also entitled to:

- a) Free continuing education (CE) through our annual general meeting (AGM) and guest speaker. The AGM CE hours can be used for structured CCO hours and ACO CE hours. In addition lunch is provided.
- b) Discount for ACO sponsored CMCC Acupuncture CE courses (must be posted as such).
- c) Current articles on Acupuncture posted for members' reference.
- d) ACO is a community where members share their experience and help each other with cases.
- e) ACO membership cost is minimal: \$150.00 +HST per year for all the above benefits.

This cost is easily outweighed by the savings on the free CE at the ACO AGM, or discounts on ACO sponsored CMCC CE programs.