

Suzy Wu – Candidate Statement

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a Board Member with the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario (CMTO). With over a decade of combined experience in massage therapy, acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and scientific research, I bring a unique blend of clinical expertise, academic rigor, and a strong commitment to public service.

Since becoming an RMT and Registered Acupuncturist/TCMP, I have worked in diverse healthcare environments, from solo practice to multidisciplinary clinics, community houses. These roles have not only strengthened my technical skills but also deepened my ability to listen to patients, understand their needs, and provide safe, effective, and compassionate care.

My diverse professional background extends beyond the treatment room: my academic training, including a Ph.D. from Queen's University, has equipped me with strong analytical skills, evidence-based decision-making, and the ability to evaluate complex issues with fairness and integrity. I believe I can make a meaningful contribution to the Board in three ways:

1. Commitment to Public Protection and Quality of Care My priority has always been the health and safety of clients, ensuring they receive treatment with best practices.
2. Bringing Diversity and Inclusion to the Board As a healthcare professional with international training and experience, I believe increasing the Board's cultural diversity will better reflect Ontario's population and broaden the perspectives shaping policy decisions.
3. Bridging Disciplines on Circle of Care – My combined expertise in Western science, Traditional Chinese Medicine, and manual therapy allows me to see issues from multiple perspectives, fostering well-rounded and inclusive discussions on the patient focused circle of care.

I am passionate about working with CMTO to ensure that massage therapy continues to evolve as a trusted and respected profession in Ontario. to advance professional standards and ensure equitable access to safe and effective care for all communities.