



Annual Report

2008

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba
1000—1661 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3G 3T7
Telephone: (204) 774-4344 Fax: (204) 774-0750
E-mail: bpope@cpsm.mb.ca
Web Address: www.cpsm.mb.ca

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
Table of Contents	2
CPSM Officials & Agents	3

CONTENTS OF THE REPORT

A. Description of the Structure of the College	4-6
B. Names of Members of Council and of its Committees	7-12
C. Number of Applications for Registration Received and their Disposition	13
D. Number of Complaints Received and their Disposition	14
E. Number of Members Disciplined, Reasons for the Disciplinary Action and the Sanctions Imposed	15-16
F. Methods Used to Assure Continuing Competence of Members	17
G. List of By-Law Amendments June 2007 - June 2008	18
H. Appendices	19
• Financial Statements	A
• Physician Resource Statistics	B
• By-Law #1	C
• By-Law #5	D
• By-Law #6	E

College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba

1001—1661 Portage Avenue • Winnipeg, MB R3J 3T7
Phone No. (204) 774-4344 Fax No. (204) 774-0750

CPSM Officials & Agents

Council (as of August 31, 2008)

Position	Representative(s)
-----------------	--------------------------

President	Dr. B. MacKalski
Past President	Dr. A. MacDiarmid
President-Elect	Dr. K. Saunders
Finance/Treasurer	Dr. R. Suss
Investigation Committee	Dr. M. Burnett

Public Representatives

Ministerial Appointment	Ms. L. Read
Ministerial Appointment	Ms S. Hrynyk
Elected by Council	Mr. R. Toews
Elected by Council	Mr. W. Shead

Registrars/Senior Employees

Position	Employee
-----------------	-----------------

Registrar/CEO	Dr. W. Pope
Deputy Registrar (Standards)	Dr. T. Babick
Assistant Registrar (Qualifications)	Dr. A. Ziomek
Assistant Registrar/General Legal Counsel (Complaints/Investigations)	Ms D. Kelly

External Advisors to the Council

Position	Name/Company
-----------------	---------------------

Solicitor	Blair Graham, Q.C.
Accountant	BDO Dunwoody

Description and Structure of the College

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba is the regulatory authority for Medicine in the Province of Manitoba. It is governed by Council, consisting of physicians elected by jurisdictions in the province, a clinical assistant representative, two representatives from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine, and four public representatives, two appointed by the Government of Manitoba and two elected by the Council.

The Council's global governance commitment states that "the purpose of the Council on behalf of the people of Manitoba is to ensure that the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba determines and achieves appropriate ends in a prudent and ethical manner". Council has established a policy which states that the Council will govern with an emphasis on strategic leadership, including commitment to obtaining public and membership input, encouragement, delivery and viewpoints, and a clear distinction of Council and staff roles.

The Council has directed that a policy governance model be followed in Manitoba. Council policy states that the "moral owners" of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba are defined as the people of Manitoba. The Council shall be accountable for the organization to its owners as a whole. The Council shall act on behalf of the owners as a whole, rather than being advocates for specific geographic areas or interest groups. The Council exercises the authority granted by legislation to self-govern the medical profession in the best interests of the public. The Council recognizes that in order to exercise this authority on behalf of the profession, it must retain a special relationship with members.

The Council has the following legislated committees:

1. **Executive Committee:** This committee acts in accordance with the authority granted in Section 35 of *The Medical Act* and in particular makes decisions on matters delegated to Executive Committee in the By-Laws of the College.
2. **Standards Committee:** This committee is responsible for the supervision of the practice of medicine by members of the College.
3. **Program Review Committee:** This committee may investigate and inspect on behalf of the Council all diagnostic and treatment facilities in which services are performed by members in Manitoba other than those which are under the jurisdiction of provincial or municipal governments and those facilities that are appointed hospitals under *The Manitoba Hospitals Act*.
4. **Complaints Committee:** This committee is responsible to review complaints or other matters referred to it and shall attempt to resolve the complaint informally if the committee considers informal resolution to be appropriate. On resolving a complaint or other matter, the Complaints Committee may provide advice to the member about the practice of medicine. Where a matter is not suitable for informal resolution, the Complaints Committee refers it to the Investigation Committee for further review.
5. **Investigation Committee:** This committee, when it receives a referral from the Complaints Committee, the Registrar or the Executive Committee, may direct that an investiga-

Description and Structure of the College (cont'd.)

tion of the matter referred be held and appoint a person to conduct the investigation. After a review or an investigation, the Investigation Committee may do one or more of the following:

- (a) direct that the matter be referred, in whole or in part, to the Inquiry Committee;
- (b) direct that no further action be taken;
- (c) censure the member if:
 - (i) a member of the committee has met with the member and the member has agreed to accept the censure, and
 - (ii) the committee has determined that no action is to be taken against the member other than the censure;
- (d) enter into an agreement with the member or accept an undertaking from the member that provides for one or more of the following:
 - (i) assessing the member's capacity or fitness to practise medicine;
 - (ii) counselling or treatment of the member;
 - (iii) monitoring or supervision of the member's practice of medicine;
 - (iv) the member's completion of a specified course of studies by way of remedial training;
 - (v) placing restrictions or conditions on the member's licence;
- (e) accept the voluntary surrender of the member's licence;
- (f) take any other action that it considers appropriate in the circumstances and that is not inconsistent with or contrary to this Act or the by-laws.

6. Inquiry Committee: This committee consists of a Councillor, who is the Chair, and other members of the College, former members of the College, public representatives or other persons appointed from time to time. One-third of the persons appointed to the Inquiry Committee must be public representatives. On referral of a matter to the Inquiry Committee, the Chair selects a panel from among the members of the Inquiry Committee to hold a hearing. The panel should be composed of at least three members, at least one of which is a public representative.

7. Appeal Committee: This committee has the authority to hear and determine appeals from decisions of the Investigation Committee in accordance with *The Medical Act*. It may make any decision that in its opinion ought to have been made by the Investigation Committee, and may quash, vary or confirm the decision of the Investigation Committee or it may refer the matter back to the Investigation Committee for further consideration in accordance with any direction that the Appeal Committee may make. The President of Council selects individuals from Council for each individual appeal. Each Appeal Committee consists of three members, one of whom is a public representative.

Description and Structure of the College (cont'd.)

Other Committees of the Council:

Audit Committee:

The Audit Committee provides an opinion for the Council, based on evidence required of the external auditor, as to whether the independent audit of the organization was performed in an appropriate manner. It provides an opinion to Council semiannually as to Registrar compliance with criteria specified in executive limitations policies on finance. It provides a self-monitoring report on the appropriateness of the Council's own spending, based on criteria in the Council governance process policy on Council expenses, including periodic random audit of the Council members' expenses. It provides an annual report to Council highlighting the committee's review of the audited financial statements and any other significant information arising from discussions with the external auditor.

Nominating Committee:

This committee provides a slate of two nominees for the post of President-elect by no later than March 31 in each year. It also provides, at least fourteen days before the Annual Meeting of the Council, a list of nominees for officers of the College, members of Council committees, chairs of Council committees, and the Councillor appointed as the Investigation Chair.

Auditor Committee:

This committee advises the College on best practices for conducting office audits. At the request of any College committee or subcommittee, it will conduct audits of physician records in compliance with standard audit processes, for the purpose of assessing the quality of medical practice or assessing other issues as identified in the request for audit, and to report in writing the findings, recommendations and opinions of the auditors to the committee or subcommittee that requested the audit.

Officers of the College 2008-2009

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

President	President-Elect	Past President	Treasurer	Registrar
B. MacKalski	K. Saunders	A. MacDiarmid	R. Suss	W. Pope

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

B. MacKalski, Chair, President
 A. MacDiarmid, Past-President
 K. Saunders, President-Elect
 R. Lotocki, Chair, Program Review
 O. Persson, Chair, Complaints
 D. Sandham, Dean, U of M (Faculty Councillor)
 R. Suss, Chair, Standards and Audit (Treasurer)
 D. Chapman, Member-at-Large
 R. Toews (Public Councillor – elected)
Ex Officio 2

COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE

E. Persson, Chair
 H. Domke
 B. Kvern
 H. Unruh
 P. Grant (Public Rep – CPSM)
 J. Marnock (Public Rep – Gov't Appt)
 S. Neel (Public Rep – Gov't Appt)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

R. Suss, Chair
 D. Chapman
 B. Kowaluk
Ex Officio 1

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

M. Burnett, Chair
 A. MacDiarmid
 S. Hrynyk (Public Councillor – Govt. Appt.)

Ex Officio:

#1 President, President-Elect #2 Registrar (non-voting)

PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

R. Lotocki, Chair
 D. Lindsay (Radiologist)
 L. Read (Public Councillor – Govt. Appt.)
 J. Naidoo (Lab Medicine Physician)
 I. Wilkinson (Manitoba Health)
Ex Officio 1,2

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

R. Suss, Chair
 R. Bhullar (Clinical Assistant Register)
 N. Carpenter
 D. O'Hagan
 R. Onotera
 H. Tassi
 W. Shead (Public Councillor - elected)
 W. Fleisher (Designate of Assoc. Dean, CME)
 D. Wilson Maté (CRNM)
Ex Officio 1, 2

INQUIRY COMMITTEE

D. Chapman, Chair
 (see attached)

AUDITOR COMMITTEE

M. Singer, Chair
 (see attached)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

By-Law #1, Article 16.1: Nominating Committee shall consist of the President, the President-Elect, and the Past President (even if the Past President is no longer on Council) until the election at the AGM of the new President-Elect, who shall then replace the Past President. (06/02)

Inquiry Committee (Panel Members) 2008-2009

Chair: Dr. S.D. Chapman

Physician members:

Dr. L. Antonissen

Dr. N. Anthonisen

Dr. A. Arneja

Dr. J. Barwinsky

Dr. D. Biehl

Dr. G. Bristow

Dr. L. Derzko

Dr. A. Esquivel

Dr. R.G. Handford

Dr. J. Kirkpatrick

Dr. N. Margolis

Dr. J.K. McKenzie

Dr. A. Mehta

Dr. F.D. Pauls

Dr. T.D. Redekop

Dr. J. Ritchie

Dr. L. Rubin

Dr. R. Sangster

Dr. C. Scurfield

Dr. V. St.John

Dr. A. Vajcner

Dr. C.P.W. Warren

Public members:

Ms Penny Bowles

Ms Eleanor Chornoboy

Ms Myra Danielson

Mr. Bill Dowling

Mr. Kelvin Dyck

Mr. Earl Gardiner

Ms Brenda Leipsic

Ms Liz Lobban

Ms Gloria Matthes

Dr. John McCoshen (PhD)

Dr. J. Miles (PhD)

Ms Pat Murphy

Ms Annette Osted

Ms Barbara Payne

Mr. Wayne Rankin

Mr. Melvin Reimer

Ms Joan Skeene

Ms Estelle Sures

Ms Linda Taylor

Mr. Raj Vohora

Potential Auditors 2008-2009

Last Name	First Name	Specialty	City
Anderson	Ronald A.	Oncology	Calgary
Antonissen	Lou	Family Practice	Portage la Prairie
Babaian	Karen	Quality Officer	Winnipeg
Bedder	Phyllis	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Belanger	Francois P.	Ped Emergency Medicine	Calgary
Biehl	Diane	Anaesthesia	Winnipeg
Blakley	Brian	Otolaryngology	Winnipeg
Blouw	Richard	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Booy	Harold	Family Practice	Winkler
Bourque	Christopher	Neurology	Winnipeg
Boyd	April J.	Vascular Surgery	Winnipeg
Breneman	Christopher	Family Practice	Hamiota
Bretecher	Gilbert	Family Practice	Dauphin
Brown	Robert	Anaesthesia	Winnipeg
Bueddefeld	Dieter	Family Practice	Altona
Carson	James	Pediatrics	Winnipeg
Chapman	David	General Surgery	Neepawa
Chapnick	Cary	Family Practice	Gimli
Collister	Carl	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Cox	Robin	Ped Anaesthesia/ Critical Care	Calgary
Cram	David	Family Practice	Souris
Dale	Catherine	Dentistry	Winnipeg
de Moissac	Paul	Family Practice	Ste. Anne
Dicke	Frank	Cardiology	Calgary
Dittberner	Klaus	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Doermer	Erroll	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Dort	Joseph C	Otolaryngology	Calgary
Drachenberg	Darrell	Urology	Winnipeg
Dupont	Jacqueline	Nuclear Medicine	Winnipeg
Eccles	Robin	Ped General Surgery	Calgary
Edye	Frances	Psychiatry	Winnipeg
Elliott	Jacobi	Family Practice	Grandview
Erhard	Philippe	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Escott	Nicholas G.	Pathology	Thunder Bay
Esmail	Amirali	Anaesthesia	Winnipeg
Fisher	Morag	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Fishman	Larry	Otolaryngology	Winnipeg
Fitzgerald	Michael	Family Practice	Virden
Fortier	Denis	Family Practice	Notre Dame
Fuchs	Graham	Family Practice	Selkirk

Potential Auditors Cont'd

Galbraith	Paul	Int Med/ Hem/ Hem Path	Winnipeg
Galessiere	Paul	General Surgery	Steinbach
Gard	Sherry	Anaesthesia	Winnipeg
Gartner	John	Anatomical Pathology	Winnipeg
Globerman	Daniel	Psychiatry	Winnipeg
Goossen	Marvin	General Surgery	Brandon
Grabowski	Janet	Pediatrics	Winnipeg
Gray	Michael	Family Practice	Portage la Prairie
Guzman	Randy	Vascular Surgery	Winnipeg
Hader	Walter	Neurosurgery	Calgary
Hall	Philip	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Hamilton	Mark G.	Neurosurgery	Calgary
Harder	Joyce	Cardiology	Calgary
Harris	Pat	Oncology	Winnipeg
Hawaleshka	Adrian	Anaesthesia	Winnipeg
Helewa	Adrian	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Hesom	Margaret	Family Practice	Winkler
Holmes	Carol	Family Practice	Morden
Holota	Krystina	Infection Control RN	Winnipeg
Humphreys	Karen	Internal Medicine	Winnipeg
Jansen van Rensburg	Nicholas	Family Practice	Beausejour
Juce	Karen	Family Practice	Hamiota
Kaethler	Wilfried	Family Practice	Steinbach
Karvelas	John	Urology	Winnipeg
Kellen	Rodney	Ophthalmology	Winnipeg
Kellner	James D.	Infectious Diseases	Calgary
Kinnear	David	Family Practice	Portage la Prairie
Klassen	Donald	Family Practice	Winkler
Kliwer	Kenneth	Family Practice	Altona
Koltek	Mark M.	Psychiatry	Winnipeg
Koodoo	Stanley	Psychiatry	Winnipeg
Korenblum	Marshall	Psychiatry	Toronto
Krepart	Garry	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Kristjanson	David	Family Practice	Hamiota
Lafontaine	Isabelle	Nuclear Medicine	Brandon
Lane	Debra	Hematological Pathology	Winnipeg
Lane	Eric	Family Practice	Winkler
Lemoine	Gabriel	Family Practice	Ste. Anne
Leszcz	Molyn	Psychiatry	Toronto
Lindenschmidt	Richard	Family Practice	Selkirk
Lotocki	Robert	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Lucy	Simon	Anaesthesia	Winnipeg
MacDiarmid	Andrew	Internal Medicine	Winnipeg
Manishen	Wayne	Internal Medicine	Winnipeg
Matter	Michele	Family Practice	Selkirk

Potential Auditors Cont'd

Matthews	Maureen	Infection Control RN	Winnipeg
McConnell	Maureen	Family Practice	Winnipeg
McKenzie	Leanna	Gastroenterology	Calgary
Menticoglou	Savas	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Menzies	Robert	Family Practice	Morden
Millar	Kelly R.	Ped Emergency Medicine	Calgary
Minish	Kimberley	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Munsamy	Gonasagran K.	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Naidoo	Jenisa	Chemical Pathology	Winnipeg
Nijssen-Jordan	Cheri	Ped Emergency Medicine	Calgary
O'Hagan	David	Family Practice	Ste. Rose
Ong	George	Family Practice	Neepawa
Onotera	Rodney	General Surgery	Winnipeg
Onyshko	Daniel	Family Practice	Minnedosa
Padua	Raymond	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Peabody	Deborah	Pediatrics	Portage la Prairie
Penrose	Michael	Family Practice	Dauphin
Persson	Enok D.	Family Practice	Morden
Phillips	Susan	Anatomical Pathology	Winnipeg
Plowman	Brian	Psychiatry	Calgary
Price	James	Family Practice	Portage la Prairie
Quesada	Ricardo	Family Practice	Portage la Prairie
Rakoff	Vivian	Psychiatry	Toronto
Ranson	Allan	Family Practice	Hamiota
Rice	Patrick	Family Practice	Portage la Prairie
Ritchie	Janet	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Ritchie	Brian	Urology	Winnipeg
Robertson	G. Andrew	Plastics	Winnipeg
Ross	Lonny L	Plastics	Winnipeg
Ross	James	General Surgery	Portage la Prairie
Roy	Mili	Ophthalmology	Winnipeg
Rusen	David	Dentistry	Winnipeg
Sangster	Robert	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Saranchuk	Jeff	Urology	Winnipeg
Schmidt	Daphne	Family Practice	Beausejour
Schneider	Carol	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Scurfield	Carol	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Seager	Mary-Jane	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Sethi	Kris	Family Practice	Flin Flon
Singer	Marilyn	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Smith	Hugh	InternalMedicine/Cardiology	Winnipeg
Smith	Roy	Family Practice	Winnipeg
St. John	Valerie	Family Practice	Minnedosa
Stearns	Eric	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Stoffman	Jayson	Paediatrics/Hematology	Winnipeg
Strother	Douglas	Oncology	Calgary

Potential Auditors Cont'd

Sutherland	Eric	Anaesthesia/Pain Control	Winnipeg
Sutton	Ian	Anaesthesia/Pain Control	Winnipeg
Szwajcer	David	Internal Medicine / Hematology	Winnipeg
Tenenbein	Milton	Pediatrics	Winnipeg
Thiessen	Myron	Family Practice	Steinbach
Thompson	Genevieve	Infection Control RN	Winnipeg
Tresoor	Tracy	Family Practice	Roblin
Turgeon	Thomas	Orthopedic Surgery	Winnipeg
Van Dyk	Werner	Family Practice	Winnipeg
Walton	Paul	Dentistry	Winnipeg
Wiens	Anthony	Family Practice	Dauphin
Wiens	Harold	Obstetrics/Gynaecology	Winnipeg
Wiens	James	Ophthalmology	Winnipeg
Wilkes	T. Chris	Psychiatry	Calgary
Willemse	Pieter	General Surgery	Dauphin
Woelk	Cornelius	Family Practice	Winkler
Wong	Andrew	Ped General Surgery	Calgary
Wong	Simon	Urology	Winnipeg
Zabolotny	Brent	General Surgery	Winnipeg
Zacharias	Gordon	Family Practice	Morden
Zacharias	James	Nephrology	Winnipeg
Ziesmann	Manfred	Plastics	Winnipeg

Number of Applications for Registration Received and their Disposition

Number of applications received : 447

Number registered: 286

(100 Manitoba Medical Students class of 2011; 97 clinical Assistants; 89 full registrants)

Did not meet the requirements: 25

Did meet the requirements, not yet registered: 84

Did not know at time of report whether or not met the requirements: 52

In addition, please see the annual Physician Resource Statistics report, attached at Appendix "B".

Complaints Committee Report

The Complaints Committee Panels met 11 times over the period May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008. A total of 272 new formal complaints were reviewed from the following sources:

Patient/legal representative	244
Registrar	23
Other	5

Complaints Committee closed 251 cases during the period May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008, with the following dispositions:

Comments/No Further Action	172
Resolved by Correspondence by Medical Consultant	31
Complaint Referred to Investigation Committee (includes Registrar referrals to IC)	37
Referred to Standards	2
Withdrawn cases	9

As in previous years, communication was a contributing factor in a significant number of complaints reviewed. The Complaints Committee classified* the closed complaints as follows:

Breach of Trust/Behaviour	122
Breach of Trust/Sexual Impropriety	2
Communication	119
Diagnosis/Treatment	94
Fitness to Practise	3
Use of Resources	1
Systemic Issues	4

*There may be more than one classification per case

Of the 272 formal complaints received during the period May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008, the following list shows the number of complaints by geographical location of the physician:

Urban - Specialist (Winnipeg/Brandon)	101 (37%)
Urban General Practitioner (Winnipeg/Brandon)	123 (45%)
Urban Non-Specialist	3 (1%)
Rural Non-Specialist	1 (.5%)
Rural Specialist	5 (2%)
Rural General Practitioner	35 (13%)
Residents	2 (1.5%)

Investigation Committee Report

The Investigation Committee met 6 times over the period May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008, and received a total of 67 new cases during that period, from the following sources:

Complaints Committee	24 (36%)
Registrar	13 (19%)
Appeals of Complaints Committee Decision	30 (45%)

The Investigation Committee closed 60 cases during the period with the following dispositions:

1. Closed - No Formal Action:

- with Letter of Criticism/Advice 29 (48%)
- no further action 18 (30%)

2. Undertakings

14 (23%)

Self-Directed Learning	7
Practice Limitations	2*
Retirement	3
Body fluid monitoring	1
self-directed learning if reapplies	1**

(*2 physicians signed Undertakings agreeing to participate in Self Directed Learning and to restrict their practice; **1 physician was also issued a letter of criticism)

3. Abeyanced (to take self-directed learning if reapplies to practice) 1 (1.5%)

4. Withdrawn 1 (1.5%)

Inquiry Committee Report

There was one Inquiry completed during the period May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008, the report of which is on the College website.

Appeal Committee Report

There were 13 appeals of Investigation Committee decisions to Appeal Committee.
Appeal Committee confirmed the Investigation Committee decision in each case.

Measuring the Competency of Members

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba utilizes a number of tools to review members' continuing competency. The most important of these is chart audits. Chart audits arrive from a number of avenues:

- As part of the Qualifications process, new physicians on the conditional register undergo a chart audit at approximately 6 months of practice.
- The Standards Committee may direct an audit because the committee is reviewing a physician.
- The Investigation Committee may order a chart audit as part of its review of a physician.
- Referral to Standards may come from the Investigation Committee, the Registrar, or the Executive Committee/Council.
- All physicians over the age of 75 years have routine chart audits every five years.
- When the College performs a rural hospital survey, all rural physicians who admit to that hospital have a chart audit.
- Chart audits are a significant component of accreditation surveys for non-hospital medical/surgical facilities which occur when the facilities open and every 5 years thereafter.
- The Child Health Standards Committee reviews the deaths of all patients between the ages of 3 months and 18 years.*
- The Maternal/Perinatal Health Standards Committee reviews many physician charts on a per case basis as they review child mortality and perinatal/maternal morbidity and mortality.**

*The Government of Manitoba provides funding for the operation of the subcommittee on Child Health Standards. Its purpose is to maintain and improve the quality of medical practice as related to child health through peer review and analysis; through education rather than discipline. It functions as a public advocate when indicated.

** The Government of Manitoba provides funding for the operation of the subcommittee on Maternal and Perinatal Health standards. Its purpose is to maintain and improve the quality of medical practice as related to maternal and perinatal health through peer review and analysis; through education rather than discipline. It also functions as a public advocate as appropriate.

Education and peer review are the two key components that assist continuing physician competence. In addition to the above educational audits, there are several other processes which act to update physician quality of practice:

- The College newsletter outlines important new issues, especially related to the ethical practice of medicine.
- All physicians participate in some form of Continuing Medical Education. When they renew their licence on a yearly basis, they must declare if they have completed 100 hours of Continuing Medical Education every 2 years. As noted in the Qualifications report, 85.7% of all Manitoba physicians report that they have completed this recommendation. Moreover, all specialists certified by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and all family physicians who are members of the College of Family Physicians of Canada must participate in a maintenance of competence 5 year cycle program in order to retain their designation of fellowship with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or certification with the College of Family Physicians of Canada.
- The Registrars provide many hours of educational sessions each year to the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba related to professional and ethical issues.
- Issues related to prescribing are reviewed with individual physicians. These may arise from complaints, Standards matters, calls to the Registrar from the Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association or comments from other physicians.
- Each hospital or Regional Health Authority has a Clinical Privileges Panel which reviews physicians' competencies in hospitals over the course of the year. When concerns are raised, they may refer these physicians to the College for further consideration.
- Physician members are legally and ethically required to report colleagues who may be a risk to the public to the Registrar. These individuals are then reviewed and appropriate educational action is taken.

By-Law Changes June 2007—June 2008

June 2007

By-Law #1, Schedule E
By-Law #1, Article 30
By-Law #5, Schedule A
By-Law #6, Article 4.2(2)(a)(ii)

March 2008

By-Law #1, Schedule E
By-Law #1, Article 28 and Schedule E – Annual Licensure of Medical Students
By-Law #1, Article 34.3 – Complaints in Other Jurisdictions
By-Law #1, Article 29 - Keeping of Medical Records

June 2008

By-Law #1, Schedule E
By-Law #1, Schedule G
By-Law #1, Article 31 and Schedule “F”
Amendment to By-Law #1, Article 9.3
Amendment to By-Law #5
Repeal & Replacement of By-Law #6

A copy of By-Law #1, By-Law #5 and By-Law #6 is attached at Appendix C, D, and E, respectively.

APPENDICES

- Financial Statements A
- Physician Resource Statistics B
- By-Law #1 C
- By-Law #5 D
- By-Law #6 E