

Important updates from the CPSM Council meeting held on December 8, 2021.

### **Standard of Practice for Performing Office-Based Procedures**

The **Standard of Practice Performing Office Based Procedures** establishes minimum practice requirements for complicated and medical procedures in physician’s offices and medical clinics that pose a higher risk to patient safety (but do not meet the threshold for facility accreditation). If you practice these procedures, read this Standard in detail:

Aesthetic/cosmetic procedures:

- Laser energy and light-based therapies for the removal of ablation of skin lesions and pigmentation
- Soft tissue augmentation –injection of fillers
- Botox/Neuromodulators - injectable

Peripheral Stem cell injections

Platelet rich plasma injections

Vasectomy

Male circumcision, excluding neonatal

Notably, this Standard requires numerous changes to practices and processes for physicians practicing cosmetic/aesthetic procedures. The Standard also prohibits physicians from acting as a nominal medical director and using their MD to purchase fillers for other regulated health professionals and others to use on patients and customers outside of the physician’s own medical clinic.

**The Standard is effective January 31, 2022.**

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### **Standards of Practice for the Maintenance and Documentation of Patient Records (two separate standards)**

The **Standard of Practice for Documentation in Patient Records** sets out the requirements for documentation of all medical care. Documentation is an essential component of safe and competent medical care. For each encounter, documentation should be adequate for another member to take over care of the patient if needed.

To meet this Standard, care must be documented in the patient record in a manner that facilitates:

- Maintenance of the expected standard of care over time
- Other health care professionals acting on significant information in the patient record as and when required
- A meaningful review or audit by CPSM or others of the care provided.

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The **Standard of Practice Maintenance of Patient Records** sets out the requirements for maintaining patient records. It applies to paper-based and digitally stored records.

Notice to the profession:

The health care system shifts the standard of care in the practice of medicine over time. With this in mind, CPSM recognizes the adoption by members of Electronic Medical Records linked to the provincial government's electronic medical records systems (e.g., eChart, eHealth\_Hub/Digital Health) significantly contributes to the provision of good patient care. While working with an EMR linked to provincial systems has not yet been made a requirement in this Standard, CPSM considers this arrangement the current standard of care and it is expected that it will become a requirement pursuant to this Standard for all members when the Standard is reviewed again in or around 2026. In the interim, it is expected that all members will make efforts to adopt an Electronic Medical Record and establish these links as soon as reasonably possible, if they have not already done so.

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**Both Standards are effective February 15, 2022.**

### **Standard of Practice Exercise Cardiac Stress Testing**

The Standard sets the requirements for minimum qualifications of members involved in the testing. It applies to practitioners supervising and interpreting this testing and to medical directors of facilities where Exercise Cardiac Stress Testing occurs.

Due to the physical, educational, and procedural changes that some facilities must undertake to comply and to ensure that facilities have the necessary time to complete the required changes to meet the Standard, it will become **effective June 1, 2022**.

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### **Complaints/Investigations Restructuring**

The Complaints and Investigations department plans to restructure the complaints process so that it promotes participation from the public while being respectful of CPSM members. A new process with a focus on enhancing timeliness, triage, communication, ease of access and transparency and fairness will be implemented and modified over time. Details are to be provided later this week.

Regards,

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NOTE: This email is being sent to all CPSM registrants.