



## PRACTICE DIRECTION

### EKG Interpretation and Billing Eligibility

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Practice Directions set out requirements related to specific aspects of the practice of medicine. Practice Directions are used to enhance, explain, or guide members with respect to the subject matter relevant to the practice of medicine. Practice Directions provide more detailed information than contained in *The Regulated Health Professions Act*, Regulations, Bylaws, and Standards of Practice issued by the College. All members must comply with Practice Directions, per s. 86 of *The Regulated Health Professions Act*.

This Practice Direction is made under the authority of s. 85 of the RHPA.

The following is an area of practice that requires specific eligibility requirements prior to practice, pursuant to S. 3 and 5 of the Practice of Medicine Regulation.

This Practice Direction sets out the eligibility requirements to include adult EKG interpretation and billing within a physician's scope of practice, pursuant to s. 3 and 5 of the Practice of Medicine Regulation.

1. All physicians except those approved, as of January 22, 2003, to read adult EKGs and bill for adult EKG interpretation who are deemed to have met the eligibility requirements, must meet the following criteria applied by the Registrar for approval to read adult EKGs and bill for adult EKG interpretation:
  - 1.1. Certificants of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada in Adult Cardiology or who hold the certificate of special competence in Adult Cardiology; or
  - 1.2. Specialist training in Adult Cardiology acceptable to the College; or
  - 1.3. Successful completion of an EKG examination conducted by one of the following organizations:
    - 1.3.1. the University of Manitoba;
    - 1.3.2. the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan;
    - 1.3.3. the American College of Cardiology;
    - 1.3.4. the American Board of Internal Medicine Cardiovascular Disease;
    - 1.3.5. the Institute for Clinical Evaluation (U.S.);
    - 1.3.6. the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta; or
    - 1.3.7. any program offered by a Canadian medical regulatory authority if the Registrar is satisfied, based on reasonable evidence, that the program complies with appropriate standards.