



Standard of Practice

Female Genital Cutting Mutilation

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Standards of Practice of Medicine set out the requirements related to specific aspects for the quality of the practice of medicine. Standards of Practice of Medicine provide more detailed information than contained in the *Regulated Health Professions Act*, Regulations, and Bylaws. All members must comply with Standards of Practice of Medicine, per section 86 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act*.

This Standard of Practice of Medicine is made under the authority of section 82 of the *Regulated Health Professions Act* and section 15 of the CPSM Standards of Practice Regulation.

1. Female genital cutting/mutilation (FGC/M) is the excision, infibulation or mutilation, in whole or in part, of the labia majora, labia minora or clitoris of a person, which may result in complications with voiding, sexual function, and psychological wellbeing. The *Criminal Code of Canada* categorizes FGC/M as aggravated assault with certain exceptions, and FGC/M on a minor is child abuse and must be reported to the appropriate child caring agency pursuant to *The Child and Family Services Act*.
2. Members must not perform FGC/M.
3. Members must not refer any patient to any other person for FGC/M.
4. If a member learns of another member performing FGC/M, the member must immediately report the matter to CPSM.
5. Members must be mindful of the legal obligation to report child abuse to the appropriate child caring agency pursuant to *The Child and Family Services Act*.