Standard of Practice

Research

Initial Approval: January 1, 2019 **Effective Date: January 1, 2019**

Reviewed with Changes: September 27, 2023

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 registrants 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. Participation in Research

1.1. If asked, a registrant who provides treatment in any area of medicine with less well proven efficacy must participate in the collection of information that can be appraised qualitatively and quantitatively, so that new knowledge is created, to be shared with and critically appraised by the profession.

1.2. A procedure or therapy which has not been proven to be reliable, reproducible and with benefits that outweigh its risks, may be offered by a registrant as part of an approved research project, provided that:

1.2.1. participating patients must provide informed consent;

1.2.2. no fee is assessed to the patient;

1.2.3. the patient is not asked to contribute to the research costs;

1.2.4. the research project has been approved by:

1.2.4.i. a committee established by a Canadian University; or

1.2.4.ii. a Research Ethics Board in compliance with the Code of Conduct for Research Involving Humans Final Report of the Tri-Council Working Group – Medical Research Council (MRC), Natural Sciences and Engineering Council (NSERC) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), 1997 (as amended).