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JOINT STATEMENT ON PREVENTING AND RESOLVING ETHICAL CONFLICTS INVOLVING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND PERSONS RECEIVING CARE

This joint statement was developed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Medical Association and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Nurses Association.

Purpose
The purpose of this joint statement is to provide a framework for the prevention and resolution of ethical conflicts involving health care providers and persons receiving care. It is intended to guide the development of policies and procedures that promote the highest standards of ethical practice and ensure the best interests of patients and the public are protected.

Principles
The following principles are fundamental to the practice of health care and should guide the actions of all health care providers and persons receiving care:

- 1. The right to life, health, safety, and security of the person.
- 2. The right to the highest attainable standard of health.
- 3. The right to the best interests of the patient.
- 4. The right to respect for the person's dignity, autonomy, and privacy.
- 5. The right to be free from discrimination and harassment.
- 6. The right to be free from violence and abuse.
- 7. The right to be free from exploitation and oppression.
- 8. The right to be free from slavery and forced labour.
- 9. The right to be free from torture and cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.
- 10. The right to be free from arbitrary arrest, detention, or imprisonment.
- 11. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with privacy, family, or home.
- 12. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with reputation.
- 13. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with property.
- 14. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with the right to work.
- 15. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with the right to education.
- 16. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with the right to culture.
- 17. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with the right to religion.
- 18. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with the right to language.
- 19. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with the right to the highest attainable standard of health.
- 20. The right to be free from arbitrary interference with the right to life.

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