Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

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In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, fully vaccinated physicians will be expected to disclose their vaccination status to patients. This policy outlines the framework for disclosure of vaccination status.

1. The decision of whether to disclose vaccination status is left to the discretion of individual physicians.

2. Physicians should disclose their vaccination status to patients in a clear and transparent manner. This may include providing written information or discussing it verbally during patient consultations.

3. Physicians should ensure that the disclosure is voluntary and respects patient autonomy. Patients should be informed that they may decline to disclose their vaccination status.

4. The information provided should be accurate and up-to-date. Physicians should periodically review and update their vaccination status to maintain transparency.

5. Physicians should avoid making assumptions about the vaccination status of patients based on observable characteristics. This includes avoiding making assumptions about patients’ race or ethnicity.

6. The disclosure of vaccination status should not be used to discriminate against patients or influence their medical care.

7. Health care providers should maintain the confidentiality of patients’ vaccination status, respecting patient privacy rights.

This policy is intended to support the trust and confidence of patients in the physician-patient relationship. By disclosing their vaccination status, physicians can help alleviate concerns about the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines.

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Protecting and supporting Canada’s health-care providers during COVID-19

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THIRD-PARTY FORMS
(Update 2017)

RATIONAL

In Canada’s universal health care system, third-party forms are a reality that affects the physician’s relationship to patients and community in terms of compensation and professional accountability. Forms prescribed by the government, health care plans, and private individuals are a significant part of the physician’s practice. These forms are not simply an administrative burden; they are an important part of the doctor-patient relationship. They are a means of communicating the physician’s evaluation and recommendation to the patient, insurer, or employer, and the patient’s health status is never completely independent of the accompanying form. However, the means to achieve this goal vary according to the health plan or employer and may be subject to negotiation and dispute. A third-party form is intended to provide an objective record of the patient’s health status and the physician’s conclusions and recommendations.

SCOPES OF POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and clear expectations for third-party forms and to ensure that they are consistent with the principles of professionalism and ethics. The policy does not address all aspects of the complex relationship between the physician and the patient, but rather focuses on the use of third-party forms in that relationship.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The following principles guide the physician’s use of third-party forms:

- The physician is responsible for accurately completing the form.
- The physician is responsible for ensuring that the form accurately reflects the patient’s condition.
- The physician is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of the patient’s information.
- The physician is responsible for ensuring that the form is completed in a timely manner.
- The physician is responsible for providing the patient with a copy of the completed form.
- The physician is responsible for ensuring that the form is submitted to the appropriate third-party organization.
- The physician is responsible for ensuring that the form is used in accordance with the principles of professionalism and ethics.

The physician must ensure that the form is completed accurately, legibly, and in a timely manner. The form must be submitted to the appropriate third-party organization and used in accordance with the principles of professionalism and ethics. The physician must ensure that the form is used to communicate the patient’s health status and the physician’s conclusions and recommendations, and not for any other purpose.
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Guiding principles for physicians recommending mobile health applications to patients
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