Best practices for smartphone and smart-device clinical photo taking and sharing

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BEST PRACTICES FOR SMARTPHONE AND SMART-DEVICE CLINICAL PHOTO TAKING AND SHARING

DEFINITION
Clinical photography is intended to depict findings, as well as other relevant aspects of the patient, in a manner efficient, useful, and with the consent of the patient. Images should be employed in the documentation of patient care, and should be stored in a secure and confidential manner.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS
1. **Consent:** Obtain informed consent from the patient before taking any clinical photographs.
2. **Privacy:** Ensure that any identifying information is removed from the images.
3. **Storage:** Store clinical photographs in a secure location, such as a cloud-based system.
4. **Sharing:** Only share clinical photographs with those who are directly involved in the patient's care.
5. **De-identification:** Ensure that photographs are de-identified before sharing.

IMPLEMENTATION
Clinical photography is an important tool in patient care. It is important to follow best practices to ensure the confidentiality and privacy of patients.

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The Canadian Medical Association encourages healthcare providers to follow best practices when taking and sharing clinical photographs.
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PHYSICIANS RECOMMENDING MOBILE HEALTH APPLICATIONS TO PATIENTS

This document is designed to provide guidance to physicians about how to make mobile health applications for communications, and is not intended to replace the current policies of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) on health information and e-health, physician practice, compensation, and forms.

Background
- Mobile health applications, also known as health apps, can be used to facilitate interactions between patients and healthcare providers, allowing for the exchange of health information.
- Mobile health applications can provide patients with access to their health records, prescribe medication, and offer reminders for upcoming appointments.
- Mobile health applications can also be used to improve communication between patients and healthcare providers.

Guiding Principles
1. Mobile health applications should be designed to enhance, not replace, face-to-face interactions between patients and healthcare providers.
2. Mobile health applications should be user-friendly and accessible to all patients.
3. Mobile health applications should be secure and confidential.
4. Mobile health applications should respect patient autonomy by obtaining informed consent.

Conclusion
Mobile health applications can be a valuable tool in improving patient care, but they should be used in conjunction with face-to-face interactions between patients and healthcare providers, ensuring that patient privacy and confidentiality are maintained.

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