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Submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry

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**CMA POLICY**

**PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PATIENT PRIVACY**

See also [Background to CMA Policy: Principles for the Protection of Patient Privacy](https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13833)

**RATIONALE**

Modern medical care is transformed by digital technology and the use of health information systems, where the patient’s personal health information is captured, stored, shared and protected. This information is critical in the delivery of care and the advancement of health care. However, the use of health information systems also raises concerns about privacy and the potential for the unauthorized use of patient information.

The protection of privacy is an essential and inalienable right. It is a basic human right that is fundamental to the rule of law. The protection of personal health information is essential to the delivery of quality health care. The protection of patient privacy is also a fundamental principle of medical ethics, as enshrined in the Declaration of Helsinki.

**SCOPE OF POLICY**

This policy applies to all health care providers and organizations that collect, use, and disclose patient health information.

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**BACKGROUND TO CMA POLICY**

**PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PATIENT PRIVACY**

See also [CMA Policy: Principles for the Protection of Patient Privacy](https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy13833)

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The evolution of digital medical record systems and the increased use of mobile health apps, and the recording and security breaches with the health care system have raised new challenges in the handling of patient health information. These challenges are complex and require the cooperation and support of all health care providers.

**Privacy and Confidentiality**

The principles of patient privacy and confidentiality are essential to the delivery of quality health care. The principles of patient privacy and confidentiality require that the patient’s health information be protected and that it be used only for the purposes for which it was collected and disclosed.

**Enforcement of Privacy**

The enforcement of privacy is essential to the protection of patient privacy. The enforcement of privacy requires the cooperation and support of all health care providers.

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WHAT IT IS
The purpose of this statement is to underscore the development of a health information governance framework that places the patient at the center of decision-making. This framework aims to ensure that the management of health information is informed by patient perspectives and values. It emphasizes the importance of involving patients in the governance of their own health information, fostering transparency, and promoting patient-centred care. The framework is supported by a robust set of principles and guidelines designed to protect patient privacy and ensure the secure and ethical use of health information.