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

Best practice guidelines for clinicians using smartphones and smart devices to take clinical photos are provided herein. These guidelines are intended to support the efficient and ethical taking and sharing of clinical photos. The guidelines are based on recommendations from relevant stakeholders and are intended to be used in conjunction with other policies and guidelines on patient privacy and data protection.

1. **Policy Development**
   - Clinical photos are essential for diagnosis, treatment, and patient education. However, the proper use and sharing of clinical photos can be challenging.
   - The guidelines are developed to ensure that clinical photos are taken and shared in a manner that respects patient privacy and confidentiality.

2. **Guidelines for Taking Clinical Photos**
   - Clinical photos should be taken in a respectful and ethical manner.
   - To protect patient privacy, only visible areas should be included in the photo.
   - Consent should be obtained from the patient before taking a photo.

3. **Guidelines for Storing and Sharing Clinical Photos**
   - Clinical photos should be stored in a secure and confidential manner.
   - Only authorized individuals with a legitimate need should have access to clinical photos.
   - Clinical photos should be shared only with those who have a legitimate need to access them.

4. **Conclusion**
   - The guidelines provide a framework for the efficient and ethical taking and sharing of clinical photos.
   - Compliance with these guidelines will help ensure that clinical photos are used in a manner that respects patient privacy and confidentiality.

Annex

- Best practices for taking clinical photos
- Guidelines for storing and sharing clinical photos
- Consent forms and templates

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Canada's doctors and nurses urgently calling for federal measures to address Canada's health workforce crisis

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Parliamentary submission regarding euthanasia and assisted death

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) supports the expansion of palliative care services to include comprehensive symptom management, pain control, and end-of-life care, in addition to the provision of medical assistance in dying for eligible patients.

The CMA advocates for a framework that ensures access to end-of-life care for all patients, regardless of their medical condition or prognosis. This includes increased funding for palliative care services, the development of robust regulatory frameworks, and the establishment of clear guidelines for the provision of medical assistance in dying.

The CMA urges the World Health Assembly to consider the importance of palliative care and its role in addressing the needs of patients and their families. It is essential to ensure that palliative care is integrated into national health systems and accessible to all, regardless of their financial status or location.

The CMA recognizes the importance of international cooperation in advancing palliative care and medical assistance in dying. It supports the establishment of global networks and collaborations to share best practices and improve access to high-quality care.

The CMA encourages policymakers and healthcare providers to prioritize the development and implementation of evidence-based interventions to improve end-of-life care and patient outcomes.

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Carter: CMA submission regarding euthanasia and assisted death
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Charter of Shared Values: A vision for intra-professionalism for physicians

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CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism
CMA CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM

The CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism articulates the ethical and professional principles and responsibilities of the medical profession. The Code provides ethical guidelines for physicians to help them make decisions about ethical dilemmas they may face in their practice and in their roles as caregivers, managers, and members of a professional association.

The Code is a living document that reflects the values and principles of the medical profession. It is reaffirmed and updated regularly to ensure that it remains relevant to the changing needs of medicine and society.

The Code is intended to guide physicians in their professional conduct and to serve as a framework for ethical decision-making. It is based on the ethical principles of respect for persons, non-maleficence, beneficence, and justice, as well as the principles of good medical practice and professional responsibility.

In the context of the medical profession, the Code provides a framework for the ethical conduct of physicians and their interactions with patients, colleagues, and the public.

The Code is designed to promote integrity, accountability, transparency, and respect for diversity and to ensure that the health and well-being of patients are of the utmost importance.

The Code is a tool for promoting ethical practice and is intended to be flexible and adaptable to the changing needs of medicine and society.

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CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property

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CMA Recommendations on Vaccine Equity and Intellectual Property
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Direct-to-consumer genetic testing
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Equity and diversity in medicine
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EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IN MEDICINE

See also: Implementation of Equity in Health Care Delivery

A Framework

The Principles of Equity

Equity is the equal treatment of all people, regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ability, socioeconomic status, or any other characteristic that may result in inequality. Equity is achieved when people are treated fairly and without discrimination, and when resources and opportunities are distributed equitably. Equity is not just about equality, but about fairness and justice. It involves addressing the root causes of inequality, not just the symptoms. Equity is about ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to participate in society, to access resources, and to benefit from the same rights and protections as everyone else.

The Principles of Diversity

Diversity refers to the range of differences that exist between individuals and groups. Diversity includes differences in race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, ability, socioeconomic status, and other characteristics. Diversity is a rich source of strength and innovation, and it is essential for the health and well-being of individuals and communities. Diversity is not just about acknowledging differences, but about valuing and respecting them.

The Principles of Inclusion

Inclusion is about creating conditions in which people from all backgrounds and experiences are actively engaged and valued. Inclusion involves creating a welcoming and supportive environment where everyone feels respected, safe, and valued. Inclusion is about ensuring that everyone has a voice and a seat at the table, and that their ideas and contributions are respected and valued.

CMA STATEMENT ON EQUITY AND DIVERSITY IN MEDICINE

What is it?

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) is committed to promoting equity and diversity in medicine. The CMA recognizes that equity, diversity, and inclusion are essential to the delivery of high-quality health care, and that they are fundamental to achieving excellence in medicine. The CMA is committed to promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in all aspects of its work, including in its policies, programs, and activities.

Why is it important?

Equity, diversity, and inclusion are important because they are essential to achieving excellence in medicine. They are also essential to ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to participate in society, to access resources, and to benefit from the same rights and protections as everyone else. Equity, diversity, and inclusion are also essential to ensuring that health care is delivered in a fair and just manner, and that everyone has equal access to the care they need.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Equity and diversity are inherent in the principles of medicine, and are essential to achieving excellence in medicine. The CMA is committed to promoting equity and diversity in all aspects of its work, and to ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity to participate in society, to access resources, and to benefit from the same rights and protections as everyone else.

Requests for principles:

If you have any questions or comments about this statement, or if you would like to request additional guidance on any aspect of equity and diversity in medicine, please contact the Canadian Medical Association at info@cmc.org.
The evolving professional relationship between Canadian physicians and our health care system: Where do we stand?

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Federal monitoring of medical assistance in dying regulations
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Documents
For Allies. Black Physicians of Canada guidance on allyship
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FOR ALLIES
Black Physicians of Canada guidance on allyship

HOW YOU CAN HELP
- Identify and challenge patterns, allelogies, and loneliness when you see or experience them.
- Recognize these experiences can add up to the process of allyship.
- Be aware of your own biases, and assumptions about the experiences and perspectives of others.
- Consider the impact of your actions on others.
- Ask questions and seek to understand the perspectives of others.
- Engage in active listening and empathy.
- If you are uncomfortable with an allyship relationship, seek support from someone you trust.

For interactions, remember the following:
- Be mindful of your tone and manner.
- Avoid making assumptions.
- Be open to feedback and willing to learn.
- Support others in their efforts to become more inclusive.
- Recognize the importance of your role in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment.

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Framework for Ethical Decision Making During the Coronavirus Pandemic

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Health Care Coverage for Migrants: An Open Letter to the Canadian Federal Government

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