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CMA POLICY

PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PATIENT PRIVACY

See also Background to CMA Policy for the Protection of Patient Privacy

RATIONALE

Principles for the protection of patient privacy have always been of fundamental importance for the patient-physician relationship, as patient privacy is a key to the trust and confidence that is fundamental to the patient-physician relationship. Through a patient’s trust and confidence, the patient is able to provide the physician with honest information. In turn, the physician is able to use this information for the benefit of the patient, such as in making treatment decisions. It is the responsibility of the physician to ensure that patient privacy is protected.

In Canada, patient privacy is a right recognized by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and is protected by a number of federal and provincial laws. The provisions of such laws must be balanced against the need for patient privacy in order to prevent the disclosure of patient information without the patient’s consent. The provisions of these laws must be consistent with the principles of the policy.

The protection of personal health information is a matter of concern for all Canadians. It is the responsibility of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) to promote the principles for the protection of patient privacy.

SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy is intended to guide the conduct of physicians and their organizations in the conduct of their professional activities.

BACKGROUND TO CMA POLICY

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Context

The adoption of electronic health records, the expansion of mobile health apps, and the increasing use of social media within the health care system have led to significant changes in how patient information is managed. The need to protect patient privacy has never been more pronounced.

The protection of patient privacy is a key aspect of the patient-physician relationship. The physician’s duty to protect patient privacy is a fundamental principle of the patient-physician relationship. It is the responsibility of the physician to ensure that patient privacy is protected. The physician is required to maintain the confidentiality of patient information. The physician is not permitted to disclose patient information without the patient’s consent, except in circumstances where it is necessary for the provision of care.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

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