The document is designed to guide physicians about how to engage patients in the use of mobile health applications. It covers the rights and responsibilities of healthcare providers, patients, and the general public. The policy highlights the importance of ensuring that the use of mobile applications is informed and ethically sound. Healthcare providers are encouraged to provide clear and honest communication about the benefits and limitations of these applications, ensuring that patients are aware of any risks or costs associated with their use. The policy also emphasizes the need for ongoing evaluation and feedback to improve the effectiveness and safety of mobile health applications.
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CMA Statement on the Governance of Health Information: A patient-partnered health information governance framework

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WHAT IT IS

This policy statement outlines the core principles for the development of a patient-partnered health information governance framework. It addresses the importance of health information governance in ensuring that patients have access to their health information and that it is used ethically and responsibly. The framework aims to balance the needs of individuals, organizations, and society at large.

The framework emphasizes the importance of involving patients and health care providers in the development and implementation of health information governance systems. It highlights the need for transparency, accountability, and ethical standards in the handling of health information.

1. Consent: Patients and their caregivers should be informed about the use of their health information and give consent before it is shared with others.
2. Security: Health information should be protected from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure, including through the use of encryption and other security measures.
3. Access: Patients and their caregivers should have access to their health information, with appropriate safeguards to protect privacy.
4. Accountability: Those responsible for handling health information should be held accountable for ensuring its appropriate use and protection.

The framework recognizes the complexities of implementing health information governance and the need for ongoing evaluation and adaptation to address emerging issues.