Joint statement on preventing and resolving ethical conflicts involving health care providers and persons receiving care
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New Criminal Code offence to protect health workers from threats and violence, including online
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**ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AND TRANSPLANTATION**

See the Background to CMA Policy

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See the CMA Policy on Palliative care for context and background.

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Palliative care

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PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PATIENT PRIVACY

See also: Background to Defining Principles for the Protection of Patient Privacy

RATIONALE

Today’s health care is a complex blend of technology, innovation, and trust. The patient–physician relationship is at the center of health care. The right of patients to have the assurance of appropriate protection of health information and of their individual rights, confidentiality, and control over their health information is fundamental to the maintenance of this relationship. Trust is fundamental to the healing process. When trust is eroded, a patient’s willingness to share personal health information with his or her physician and other health care providers is diminished, possibly hindering the delivery of care.

The protection of personal and health information is a cornerstone characteristic of a secure, healthy society. The collection, use, and disclosure of personal and health information are essential to the delivery of quality, effective health care. This information is collected, used, and disclosed in a variety of contexts, including the health care system, the research community, the pharmaceutical and health technology industries, and the financial and insurance sectors. Ensuring the security and privacy of personal and health information is essential to the maintenance of public health, the delivery of quality care, and the promotion of public confidence in health care providers.

The protection of personal and health information is essential to the maintenance of public confidence in health care providers. This in turn is essential to the delivery of quality care.

SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy is designed to provide guidance to the Association and its members in the protection of patient privacy.

BACKGROUND TO CMA POLICY

The CMA is committed to providing care in an environment of trust and confidentiality. The provision of care requires the collection, use, and disclosure of personal and health information. This information is used to support the delivery of quality care, research, and public health initiatives. The CMA has a responsibility to ensure that this information is protected and used in an appropriate manner.

The protection of personal and health information is essential to the maintenance of public confidence in health care providers. This in turn is essential to the delivery of quality care.

Privacy and Confidentiality

The Association recognizes that the protection of patient privacy is essential to the maintenance of public confidence in health care providers. This in turn is essential to the delivery of quality care.

The CMA is committed to ensuring that the protection of patient privacy is maintained. This includes the implementation of policies and procedures to ensure the confidentiality and security of patient information.

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Supporting the enactment of Bill C-14, Medical Assistance in Dying
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Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action
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