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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

BACKGROUND

The ethical and social values of all Canadians are based on the belief that the fundamental principles of care are the protection of patient privacy, respect for patients, and the right of patients to be free from coercion and to have their treatment and care decisions made in the best interests of the patient. These principles are enshrined in the Canadian Medical Association’s (CMA) code of ethics and are reflected in the principles of medical professionalism. The principles of patient privacy and confidentiality are fundamental to the practice of medicine and are essential for the provision of quality care. They are also essential for the protection of patient privacy. There is a growing awareness among physicians and health-care providers of the need to protect the privacy of patients and to ensure that patient information is used only for the purposes intended by the patient. The principles of patient privacy and confidentiality are also essential for the protection of patient privacy and confidentiality.

SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to all physicians and their staff in the conduct of patient care.

BACKGROUND TO CMA POLICY

PRINCIPLES FOR THE PROTECTION OF PATIENT PRIVACY

See also CMA Policy on Information and Privacy, Protection of Patient Privacy

Context

The culture of medical practice must support the development of mindful, ethical, and patient-centered practices in the conduct of patient care. The principles of medical professionalism are enshrined in the CMA’s code of ethics and are reflected in the principles of medical professionalism. The principles of patient privacy and confidentiality are fundamental to the practice of medicine and are essential for the provision of quality care. They are also essential for the protection of patient privacy. There is a growing awareness among physicians and health-care providers of the need to protect the privacy of patients and to ensure that patient information is used only for the purposes intended by the patient. The principles of patient privacy and confidentiality are also essential for the protection of patient privacy and confidentiality.

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