CMA Statement on the Governance of Health Information: A patient-partnered health information governance framework

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14485

POLICY TYPE
Policy document

DATE
2022-06-29

TOPICS
Health information and e-health

WHAT IT IS
The purpose of this statement is to encourage the development of a patient-partnered health information governance framework that ensures the privacy, security, and responsible use of health information. The framework promotes the alignment of patient and partner interests in decision-making and promotes trust between patients, partners, and health care providers.

1. Privacy: Privacy is a fundamental right and essential to patient empowerment, health care quality, and patient safety. Patients have the right to control access to their health information and participate in decision-making.

2. Security: Security measures are necessary to protect health information from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure. Patients and partners should be involved in the development and implementation of security measures.

3. Transparency: Transparency is important for building trust and ensuring accountability. Patients and partners should be informed about how their health information is collected, used, and shared.

4. Accountability: Accountability is necessary to ensure that patients and partners can hold health care providers responsible for the management of their health information.

This framework sets the stage for a patient-partnered health information governance framework that ensures the privacy, security, and responsible use of health information.