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

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WHAT IT IS
The purpose of this statement is to advance the development of a patient/partnered health information governance framework that outlines the key principles and components of effective health information management. This framework is designed to promote transparency, accountability, and collaboration among stakeholders to ensure the protection of patient privacy and the responsible use of health information.

The framework emphasizes the need for all entities involved in the management of health information to prioritize the rights and interests of patients and partners. It outlines the following key principles:

1. Consent and opt-out: Patients and partners must be informed about the collection, use, and sharing of their health information. They should have the option to consent or opt-out where applicable.

2. Data minimization: Health information should be collected, used, and shared in a manner that is proportionate to the intended purpose and necessary for patient care.

3. Access and accountability: Patients and partners should have access to their health information and the ability to request amendments or corrections to ensure accuracy.

4. Security and protection: Appropriate measures should be in place to protect the confidentiality and integrity of health information.

5. Transparency: Processes and decisions related to the governance of health information should be transparent and open to scrutiny.

This statement is a call to action for all stakeholders to work together to implement a patient/partnered health information governance framework that ensures the ethical and responsible management of health information.