

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador

UPDATES TO COLLEGE BY-LAWS

Notice to College Members

January 10, 2020

At the December meeting of Council, all College By-Laws were reviewed and updated. Complete copies of the By-Laws are available on the College website. The College draws your attention to the following changes and additions:

By-Law 3: Registers

• Royal College Recognized Subspecialties will now be included on the public register.

By-Law 5: Code of Ethics

- "Professional misconduct" will now also include:
 - failing to comply with a caution/counsel of the College.
 - holding oneself out as being certified (by CCFPC or RCPSC) when you are not.
 - failing to apply and maintain standards of practice expected by the profession in the branches or areas of medicine in which a physician is practising, unless the departure or modification was made in accordance with specific conditions detailed in the By-Law.
 - entering into a sexual relationship with any person with whom a patient has a significant interdependent relationship (e.g. parent/guardian of a child).
 - $\circ\,$ terminating a physician-patient relationship for the purpose of pursuing a sexual relationship.

By-Law 6: Medical Records

• It is recommended that a patient's medical record include a cumulative patient profile (where applicable).

Physicians are expected to be familiar with the By-Laws which apply to their practices.

All College communication to its members will be by email. It is a professional obligation for College members to read all College communications.