



PUBLIC HEALTH MISREPRESENTATIONS

Notice to College Members

September 15, 2021

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador (CPSNL) is aware and concerned about misrepresentations circulating on social media and other platforms regarding physicians who are publicly contradicting public health orders and recommendations. Physicians hold a unique position of trust with the public and have a professional responsibility to not communicate anti-vaccine, anti-masking, anti-distancing, and anti-lockdown statements and/or promote unsupported, unproven treatments for COVID-19. Physicians must not make comments or provide advice that supports and encourages the public to act contrary to public health orders and recommendations. Physicians who put the public at risk may face an investigation by CPSNL and disciplinary action. When offering opinions, physicians must be guided by the law, regulatory standards, and the code of ethics and professional conduct. The information shared must not be misleading or deceptive and must be supported by available evidence and science.

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