

REMINDER: SEEKING YOUR FEEDBACK ON DRAFT STANDARDS AFFECTING YOUR PRACTICE

Notice to College Members

January 4, 2023

The College is seeking feedback on two revised Standards of Practice. We welcome your professional opinion as we assess the College's expectations of physicians on the topics of Virtual Care and Closing or Taking Leave from a Medical Practice.

The College will consider all feedback submitted and incorporate changes to these draft documents to ensure these Standards of Practice reflect current practice issues, embody the duties of medical professionalism, and are consistent with the College's mandate to act in the public interest.

These draft documents are linked below and can also be found on the "Policies & Guidance" section of the College's website (cpsnl.ca) under Consultations.

Closing or Taking Leave from a Medical Practice

The College expects physicians to take adequate measures to reduce the impact of their closure of practice or leave from practice on continuity of care for patients. This draft Standard sets out the steps required when contemplating a closure of practice or a leave of three months or longer from practice.

Virtual Care

As evolving technology provides opportunities for new approaches to the practice of medicine through virtual care, the College must set practice standards for physicians who provide virtual care.

We invite your feedback on these draft Standards of Practice. Please submit your comments by e-mail to <u>consultation@cpsnl.ca</u> on or before <u>January 21, 2023</u>.

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