



Standard of Practice: Medical/Surgical Procedures in Private Medical Facilities (2023)

A **Standard of Practice** is the minimum standard of professional behavior and ethical conduct expected by the College on a specific issue.

Medical/Surgical Procedures in Private Medical Facilities

Preamble

This standard of practice sets out the College's expectations when performing medical/surgical procedures outside of a facility operated by Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services (NL Health Services).

Definitions

Medical/Surgical Procedure – procedures intended to diagnose a patient's condition or treat, cure, or restore function/structure. Examples include, but are not limited to, medical imaging, endoscopy, infusions, neuromodulators, tissue filler/expanders, refractive eye surgery, and sedation.

Standard of Practice

When performing medical/surgical procedures in a facility which is not operated by NL Health Services, physicians are expected to:

1. Complete appropriate training, have relevant recent practice experience, and take part in continuing professional development to ensure and maintain their competence in performing the intended procedures.
2. Follow applicable national standards and guidelines relating to the procedure.

3. Ensure appropriate supports and quality assurance measures, which meet national standards (where available), are in place for the safe performance of the procedure. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. proper maintenance, cleaning, and calibration of equipment used to provide medical care;
 - b. quality control measures;
 - c. infection prevention and control practices;
 - d. a policy for managing emergent complications during and post-procedure and the presence of staff who are appropriately trained to recognize emergent complications;
 - e. the availability of resuscitation equipment and medications which are appropriate for the types of procedures performed and the presence of staff who are appropriately trained to utilize the equipment and medications;
 - f. medical staffing with documented appropriate expertise and clear responsibilities and oversight; and
 - g. a manual for the procedures performed to provide guidance to medical staff.
4. Ensure a documented and communicated arrangement is in place with the patient for follow-up care.
5. Communicate with other physicians involved in the patient's circle of care, where appropriate.
6. Where applicable, comply with all provincial legislative and policy requirements for the intended procedure.

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