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Observer Policy for Attendees of Open Board Meetings or Hearings

Reporters, members of the general public and registrants are welcome to attend open meetings or hearings of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia as observers.

To ensure that the open meeting is conducted with decorum and with due regard to the rights and privacy of all participants, observers must read the following guidelines:

1. Observers are reminded that they are not participants in the meeting or hearing and must remain quiet throughout the proceedings. Any inappropriate conduct may result in the observer being asked to leave.
2. The board or panel may make such orders as it considers necessary to ensure the proper respect to the meeting process is adhered to by observers, and to limit those attending to the number of available seats in the room.
3. Orders may be made by the board or panel protecting the confidentiality and prohibiting disclosure, publication or broadcasting of certain matters.
4. Cameras, recording devices, drawing or sketching are not permitted, and all mobile devices must be turned off before entering the room.
5. There may be closed portions of the proceedings where observers will be required to leave.

There will be no comment by the College regarding any of the matters that have been considered and discussed by the board or panel.

By signing below, I undertake to adhere to this observer policy and the provisions set out in section 38(3) of the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183 and sections 1-24(9) and (10), and 4-7(5) to (11) of the Bylaws under the Act. The information asked for in this form is collected under authority of section 4-7(11) of the Bylaws under the *Health Professions Act*. The information will be used for security purposes. Should you have any questions about the collection, and use of this information, please contact the College at 604-733-7758.

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