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[Registrar's message – new assessment standards for the Physician Practice Enhancement Program \[1\]](#)

For physicians in clinical practice, there is a no shortage of documentation outlining best practices. The guidance can vary, or be buried in volumes of literature, making pertinent information about practice standards difficult to find and onerous to read.

[Read more about Registrar's message – new assessment standards for the Physician Practice Enhancement Program \[1\]](#)

[Questions and answers about the College's newly revised professional standard: Safe Prescribing of Drugs with Potential for Misuse/Diversion \[2\]](#)

The new College standard on safe prescribing doesn't tell physicians they can't ever prescribe opioids. Rather, it tells them to be hesitant, cautious, and to keep the doses low. Since the release of the new professional standard in June 2016, the College has received some valuable feedback from the profession, which is addressed in the following questions and answers.

[Read more about Questions and answers about the College's newly revised professional standard: Safe Prescribing of Drugs with Potential for Misuse/Diversion \[2\]](#)



[Regulating in the public interest through appropriate criminal screening \[3\]](#)

Registrants are reminded of their legal, professional and ethical duty to meet their reporting obligations to the College. The College's ability to fulfill its mandate to uphold professional standards and provide a safe environment for the public depends on it.

[Read more about Regulating in the public interest through appropriate criminal screening \[3\]](#)



[College granted permanent injunction for unlawful practice of medicine \[4\]](#)

The BC Supreme Court Order follows a lengthy investigation into the activities of Mobile Life Imaging LLC and Mr. Randy Spielvogel, both of North Dakota, USA, after concerns were raised that Mr. Spielvogel was operating an unaccredited diagnostic facility, and performing ultrasound for the purpose of disease screening.

[Read more about College granted permanent injunction for unlawful practice of medicine \[4\]](#)



[New online application is launching in BC \[5\]](#)

This fall the College will start using the new Application for Medical Registration in Canada (AMRC), a centralized online portal for submitting an application for registration with one of the provinces or territories in Canada. Who will this impact?

[Read more about New online application is launching in BC \[5\]](#)

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#DutyToAct

[When duty calls: legal and professional obligations in medical practice \[6\]](#)

This year's Education Day will focus on operationalizing physicians' statutory and other ethical duties to care for and protect at-risk children, seniors, impaired health professionals, the gravely ill, and other vulnerable groups. The speakers, workshops and case studies will provide physicians with ways to analyze real-life situations and examine strategies and approaches for identifying and caring for vulnerable patient populations.

[Read more about When duty calls: legal and professional obligations in medical practice \[6\]](#)



[What registrants need to know about phasing out the BC CareCard \[7\]](#)

Learn more about who should be presenting which card and what type of ID after February 2018.

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NHMSFP
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[Taking a medical history and conducting a physical exam are required \[8\]](#)

An important reminder to medical directors that pre-admission assessments must be performed on all patients, even if the procedure is done under local anesthesia only.

[Read more about Taking a medical history and conducting a physical exam are required \[8\]](#)



NHMSFP
Update

[Office procedures in an accredited non-hospital facility \[9\]](#)

An important reminder to medical directors that even physicians who perform office-type procedures must hold privileges.

[Read more about Office procedures in an accredited non-hospital facility \[9\]](#)



[CME events: mark your calendars \[10\]](#)

Information on all upcoming events and workshops can be found here.

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[Easy access to clinical journals](#) [11]

The College library provides easy access to a broad range of high-impact clinical journals for College registrants.

[Read more about Easy access to clinical journals](#) [11]

The *College Connector* is sent to every current registrant of the College. Decisions of the College on matters of standards and guidelines are contained in this publication. The College therefore assumes that each registrant is aware of these matters. Questions or comments about this publication should be directed to communications@cpsbc.ca [12].

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