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[Registrar's message—New reality, same standards: what practising medicine means in the #MeToo era \[1\]](#)

Among the thousands of articles about #MeToo that are out there, here is another. This one, however, applies directly to you as a physician.

[Read more about Registrar's message—New reality, same standards: what practising medicine means in the #MeToo era \[1\]](#)

Professional
Standards &
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[Update on two consultations with the profession \[2\]](#)

The College is finalizing revisions to one standard and one guideline that were both circulated to the profession for input in 2017.

[Read more about Update on two consultations with the profession \[2\]](#)

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[Federal exemption to prescribe methadone no longer required as of May 19 \[3\]](#)

Health Canada has announced that effective May 19, 2018, prescribers will no longer require a federal exemption to prescribe methadone.

[Read more about Federal exemption to prescribe methadone no longer required as of May 19 \[3\]](#)



[New policy enables physicians to act as attestors for MSP and BC Services Card applications \[4\]](#)

To ensure all eligible MSP beneficiaries can obtain a BC Services Card, the Ministry of Health has introduced a new policy that enables qualified health-care professionals to act as attestors on behalf of their patients.

[Read more about New policy enables physicians to act as attestors for MSP and BC Services Card applications \[4\]](#)



[Enhanced road assessment to strengthen road safety \[5\]](#)

ICBC has introduced a new enhanced road assessment (ERA) to drivers whom RoadSafetyBC determines need a functional road assessment regarding their medical fitness to drive safely. This assessment will include drivers with medical conditions who currently attend an ICBC re-examination and drivers who are currently referred for a DriveABLE cognitive assessment.

[Read more about Enhanced road assessment to strengthen road safety \[5\]](#)

2018
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Day and
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[#RealityCheckup: addressing confounding societal issues that undermine people's health and the care they receive \[6\]](#)

Save the date for the much-anticipated College Education Day, held again this year at the Vancouver Convention Centre on Friday, September 14, 2018.

[Read more about #RealityCheckup: addressing confounding societal issues that undermine people's health and the care they receive \[6\]](#)

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[A case study—prescribing methadone for pain \[7\]](#)

The following case study sends an important message to physicians about the benefits of prescribing methadone for chronic pain.

[Read more about A case study—prescribing methadone for pain \[7\]](#)

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[Surgeries over six hours need to be reported \[8\]](#)

Starting April 15, 2018, in accordance with the College Bylaws, medical directors will be required to notify the Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation Program Committee within 24 hours of becoming aware of any surgery with an overall duration of greater than six hours, as well as complete and submit a Reportable Incident Form within 14 days.

[Read more about Surgeries over six hours need to be reported \[8\]](#)

NHMSFAP
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[Medical directors are responsible for chart audits and sharing results with staff \[9\]](#)

A patient's medical record is a single comprehensive file containing all information and documentation related to the patient's surgical encounter

including medical history, physical exam and a surgeon's consultation outlining the indication(s) for surgery.

[Read more about Medical directors are responsible for chart audits and sharing results with staff \[9\]](#)

NHMSFAP
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[Low body mass index and anesthetic-surgical risks \[10\]](#)

The Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation Program Patient Safety Incident Review Panel recently reviewed two incidents involving underweight patients.

[Read more about Low body mass index and anesthetic-surgical risks \[10\]](#)

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[The two Cochranes—what's the difference between Archie and Douglas? \[11\]](#)

Recently, confusion has arisen about "Cochrane" in the context of quality of health care. The Cochrane Collaboration and the Cochrane Report both address health-care quality but do so in very different ways.

[Read more about The two Cochranes—what's the difference between Archie and Douglas? \[11\]](#)



[CPD events: mark your calendars \[12\]](#)

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

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- [Killick, Lyn Melvina - February 26, 2018 \[14\]](#)
- [College granted permanent injunction for unlawful practice of medicine - March 15, 2018 \[15\]](#)

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