



College of Physicians and
Surgeons of British Columbia

Serving the public by regulating physicians and surgeons

[About the Health Professions Act \[1\]](#)

There are three main components of the legislative framework that regulates the profession of medicine. These include the *Health Professions Act*, the Regulations and the Bylaws.

[Health Professions Act](#) [2]– the Act is umbrella legislation that provides a common regulatory framework for health professions in British Columbia.

[Regulations](#) [3] ([BC Reg 129/2016](#) [4] – June 6, 2016) – Regulations are created by government for each individual health profession governed under the Act. Each regulation defines reserved titles, contains a statement about the scope of practice and outlines a set of restricted activities describing what members of that profession are authorized to do.

[Bylaws](#) [5] – each regulatory college has its own bylaws. The bylaws set out the details of the operation of the organization, including: the duties and responsibilities of a governing board, committees and the registrar; qualifications for registration and licensing; the regulation of professional conduct and ethics; and fee schedules.

Professional Regulation

A complete list of BC's health professions governed by regulatory colleges under the *Health Professions Act* can be found on the Ministry of Health [website](#) [6]. To learn more about BC's regulated health professionals visit www.bchealthregulators.ca [7].

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