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## [Registrar's message: Telemedicine and licence portability—the future of medical regulation in Canada \[1\]](#)

The Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada is undertaking a review of the licensure of physicians, which includes three interrelated projects: developing a cross-jurisdiction licence for telemedicine; expediting the granting of full, unrestricted licences for physicians who want to work in different provinces; and a licence portability agreement.

[Read more about Registrar's message: Telemedicine and licence portability—the future of medical regulation in Canada \[1\]](#)



## [Non nocere: useful ideas and initiatives in the cause of patient safety \[2\]](#)

This year's Education Day will focus on ideas, initiatives and practical tools that are effectively addressing a shared commitment to avoid harm at the bedside. Save the date—September 20, 2019—and join colleagues for an enlightening, interactive day at the Vancouver Convention Centre.

[Read more about Non nocere: useful ideas and initiatives in the cause of patient safety \[2\]](#)

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## [Why does the College hold so many consultations? Insight into the policy review cycle \[3\]](#)

The days of printed copies of practice standards gathering dust in a binder are long over. Living standards, which can evolve and adapt with time, require a robust multi-step review process inclusive of stakeholder consultation. While the number of emails sent to registrants from the College may seem vexing, it is hoped that insight into the policy review cycle will help foster an appreciation for both the value and the utility of routine consultation.

[Read more about Why does the College hold so many consultations? Insight into the policy review cycle \[3\]](#)

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## [Update on consultation results: \(1\) Emailing Patient Information, \(2\) Walk-in, Urgent Care and Multi-physician Clinics \[4\]](#)

The College recently held two consultations, seeking feedback from registrants on the *Emailing Patient Information* professional guideline and the *Walk-in, Urgent Care and Multi-physician Clinics* practice standard. Results have now been analyzed, and key themes will help guide the next round of revisions.

[Read more about Update on consultation results: \(1\) Emailing Patient Information, \(2\) Walk-in, Urgent Care and Multi-physician Clinics \[4\]](#)

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## [Minor updates made to MAiD forms \[5\]](#)

The Ministry of Health has made minor updates to the provincial forms for Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) in response to feedback from practitioners.

[Read more about Minor updates made to MAiD forms \[5\]](#)

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## [Obtaining patient consent for reports submitted to ICBC \[6\]](#)

Significant improvements have been made to ICBC accident benefits which improve access to care for anyone injured in a crash.

[Read more about Obtaining patient consent for reports submitted to ICBC \[6\]](#)

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## [Large dispenses of psychoactive medication risk harm to both patients and the public \[7\]](#)

From a patient perspective, providing large numbers of pills increases the risk of medication administration error and misuse. From a public health perspective, large dispenses increase the risk of diversion into the community.

Pharmacovigilance dictates that prescription sizes should be modest.

[Read more about Large dispenses of psychoactive medication risk harm to both patients and the public \[7\]](#)

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## [Quality improvement does not equate to “pass or fail” \[8\]](#)

Under the *Health Professions Act*, RSBC 1996, c.183 (*HPA*), the College has a legislative requirement to assess the professional performance of a registrant. The Physician Practice Enhancement Program (PPEP) is one of the College’s programs that provides this function for community-based physicians in BC. All community-based physicians have either already been assessed, or their turn will come.

[Read more about Quality improvement does not equate to “pass or fail” \[8\]](#)

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## [Access Medicine—an internal medicine clinical resource for College registrants \[9\]](#)

Access Medicine is a collection of current, online texts for background knowledge and quick answers at the point of care. As a resource, it contains numerous ebooks, a drug database, patient handouts, multimedia, and self-assessment questions for exam and board review.

[Read more about Access Medicine—an internal medicine clinical resource for College registrants](#) [9]

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## [CPD events: mark your calendars](#) [10]

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

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