



## [Update on three recently revised practice standards](#) [\[1\]](#)

The following practice standards were published to the College website after obtaining Board approval at its May meeting.

The [Primary Care Provision in Walk-in, Urgent Care and Multi-physician Clinics](#) [2] standard was revised based on feedback from 426 physicians who participated in a consultation held March 6 to 27, 2019. Based on the feedback, the Patient Relations, Practice Standards and Ethics (PRPSE) Committee re-framed the content of the standard so that it focuses more explicitly on primary care provision, while still clearly listing the specific settings where the standard applies. This change is reflected in the revised title. In addition, information has been added to describe how nurse practitioners are regulated, as this was a common query from respondents.

The [Telemedicine](#) [3] practice standard was revised to align with the updated FMRAC *Framework on Telemedicine*, which was published in April 2019. Key revisions include a new definition of telemedicine in the preamble, added principles to the College's Position, and the revision of the term "marijuana" to the more current term "cannabis."

The [Physical Examinations and Procedures](#) [4] practice standard was revised following minor internal recommendations. Two revisions were made to the practice standard: (1) principle number two was re-worded to clarify that a physician must inquire as to whether a patient would like another person present specifically during sensitive examinations or when disrobing is required, and (2) principle number 12 was amended to replace "genital examinations" with

“sensitive examinations” and “child” with “minor or dependent adult” to increase the scope of circumstances to which it applies.

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