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Standard on Private Clinics / Medical Surgical Procedures in a Non Hospital Facility

Preamble:

There are a number of reasons why a physician might wish to provide a service in a private clinic/office instead of a publicly operated facility (hospital). These may include a prolonged waiting list in a public facility, unavailability of the service otherwise, and efficiency.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of PEI does not have a mandate to accredit such facilities. However, in the interest of public safety, the College of Physicians and Surgeons is mandated to provide to physicians involved in such activities a model standard as to what is expected, and how their performance might be measured should a complaint be received. A physician is always judged by the standard of care applicable to the circumstance.

Standard:

The following Standard must be met by any physician who performs Medical/Surgical procedures in non hospital medical facilities. Although the following may apply to any office procedure, in the case of surgical procedures, the need becomes more explicit.

1. *The physician must be qualified by his/her training and recent practice experience to perform the procedure and to be aware of applicable national standards and guidelines relating to the procedure.¹*
2. *The appropriate supports and quality assurance measures which meet national standards, where available, and must be in place for the safe performance of the procedure, including*
 - a) *equipment, medication, quality control measures, and safe process within available current standards;*
 - b) *certification in resuscitation as appropriate for the nature of the procedure;*
 - c) *medical staffing with documented appropriate expertise and clear responsibilities and oversight;*
 - d) *infection prevention and control practices which meet national standards, where available²; and*

¹ As in any change of practise, and especially a new one, the physician must seek the approval of the College of Physicians and Surgeons by submitting for Council's approval the following:

- A notification of practice change (if it is)
- Evidence of competence in the procedure
- Information regarding the consent process

² Confirmation re compliance with PEI's document *Infection Prevention and Control for Health Care Offices/Clinics*
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- e) *a plan to manage adverse events during the course of the procedure and post-procedure.*
3. *A documented and communicated arrangement must be in place with the patient for follow-up care.*
4. *The physician must communicate with other physicians involved in the patient's circle of care, if appropriate.* ³

Reference:

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³ Medical/Surgical Procedures in Non-Hospital Facilities, The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Newfoundland and Labrador, June 16, 2018
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