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# Professional Standards Regarding Physician Co-operation with the College

#### **Preamble**

Self-regulation is a privilege of the medical profession which comes with responsibilities.

This standard sets out the mandatory responsibilities of physicians that pertain to cooperation with the College.

#### **Professional Standards**

# **Physicians must:**

- 1. Complete the annual license renewal form accurately and honestly;
- 2. Promptly inform the College of a change of address or changes to other contact information;
- 3. Promptly notify the College of any change in practice status including retirement;
- 4. Inform the College of the location of stored or transferred medical records upon practice closure, relocation or retirement;
- 5. Cooperate with the requirements of the Physician Peer Review Nova Scotia Program to maintain high standards of practice; and
- 6. Cooperate with any requirements of an investigation or hearing committee dealing with a practice complaint.

# **Recommended Reading**

#### Canadian Medical Association

CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism

# College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia

- Professional Standards Regarding Temporarily or Permanently Closing a Medical Practice
- Guidelines for Retiring Physicians Regarding Licensing and Notification
- Nova Scotia Medical Act (Section 23)

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