

Sponsor-only Oversight of a Defined Licence Physician

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Background

Under the *Medical Act* (2011)¹ and Medical Practitioners Regulations², physicians granted a Defined licence (DL) under the Conditional Register are required to have a Sponsor and Supervisor for the duration of that licence. Physicians issued a Defined licence or an Academic licence prior to the enactment of the Medical Act (2011) on January 1, 2015, may have been permitted, in some circumstances, to practice under Sponsor-only Oversight in accordance with the *College-Directed Supervision Framework – Responsibilities and Outline by Level*³.

Purpose

This policy outlines the criteria for a physician on a Defined licence to maintain their practice under Sponsor-only Oversight.

Policy

For a physician to practice under Sponsor-only Oversight, the Defined licence holder must demonstrate:

- a) they have the support of their Sponsor; and
- b) the most recent issuance of their Defined licence is prior to **January 1, 2015** or the terms of their licence were previously approved by the Registrar.

Requirements to maintain Sponsor-only Oversight status

1. The physician's Sponsor reaffirms support for continuation of sponsorship at the level of Sponsor-only Oversight at the time of annual licensing renewal, through the completion of the Annual Sponsorship Renewal Evaluation⁴.

2. The physician's practice is deemed satisfactory to the Registrar and is based on consideration of the following:
 - a) Annual Sponsorship Renewal Evaluations⁴;
 - b) Past Supervision and Sponsorship reports;
 - c) Investigations and disciplinary matters in this or another jurisdiction;
 - d) Practice assessments and audits, excepting those protected under the *Medical Act*;
 - e) Demonstrated commitment to professional development and practice improvement;
 - f) Any other matters relevant to the physician's capacity, competence, and character.
3. A change in Sponsor-only Oversight status to a higher level of supervision may be (re)imposed at any time according to the provisions of the College policy *Supervision Levels for College-Directed Supervision*.⁵
4. A physician granted Sponsor-only Oversight under this policy may be considered as a Supervisor for another Defined licensee, as per the College policy *Approval of Supervisors for College-Directed Supervision*.⁶

Resources

1. [Medical Act 2011](#)
2. [Medical Practitioners Regulations](#)
3. [College-Directed Supervision Framework – Responsibilities and Outline by Level](#)
4. [Annual Sponsorship Evaluation](#)
5. [Supervision Levels for College-Directed Supervision](#)
6. [Approval of Supervisors for College-Directed Supervision](#)