



## Direction and Control of a Medical Practice

**Standards of Practice** of the Yukon Medical Council (“the Council”) are the minimum standards of professional behavior and ethical conduct expected of all physicians registered in the Yukon. Standards of Practice will be referenced in the management of complaints and in discipline.

- (1) In this standard, the “medical practice” includes, but is not limited to:
  - (a) the care provided for or to a patient, including assessment, diagnosis, treatment, referral of the patient or advice on the use of any substance or treatment;
  - (b) the safety and quality of equipment used, including the cleaning, disinfection and sterilization in the reprocessing of medical equipment;
  - (c) the creation, access to and security of medical records, including charting of medical care to a patient, patient appointment schedules, patient billing and payment records prepared for the medical care of a patient;
  - (d) compliance with all applicable laws regarding personal information;
  - (e) advertising for the medical practice;
  - (f) billing for the medical practice; and
  - (g) responsibility for the qualifications and performance of staff supervised by the physician.
- (2) A medical practice does not include ownership of any supplies, equipment or premises used by the physician in the medical practice.
- (3) A physician must maintain full direction and control over his or her medical practice in any location outside of a hospital or facility operated by the Yukon.
- (4) A physician who uses reprocessed medical equipment in a non-hospital setting must ensure that procedures for the cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing of that equipment comply with the manufacturer’s recommendations and quality standards acceptable to the Council.
- (5) A physician may supervise another person performing a restricted activity if the physician is:
  - (a) authorized and competent to perform that restricted activity;
  - (b) readily available for consultation during the performance of the restricted activity;
  - (c) satisfied with the knowledge, skill and judgment of the supervised person performing the restricted activity;
  - (d) satisfied there are no legal restrictions to the supervised person performing the activity as might occur as a restriction by their own regulatory body;
  - (e) satisfied it is safe and appropriate for the supervised person to perform the restricted activity on the particular patient;
  - (f) satisfied the equipment and resources available to perform the restricted activity are safe and appropriate;

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- (g) aware, if the individual is a student, that the student is enrolled in a professional health services training program; and
- (h) confident there is informed consent to the procedure being performed unless consent is not possible because of emergency.

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