

## CLINICS: DIRECTORSHIP

### Background:

The College believes that it is important for every clinic to have a medical director.

### Scope:

This Statement applies to all clinics, defined as any office facility where two or more physicians practice together, irrespective of the ownership of the facility. It does not apply to independent (solo) practices in the same premises.

### Requirements:

1. Each clinic must have a duly qualified medical practitioner designated as "Medical Director".
2. The Medical Director must:
  - (a) ensure that only qualified physicians provide medical care in the clinic.
  - (b) ensure that, regardless of the name of the clinic, the name(s) of all the physician(s) are clearly posted, either on the exterior of the clinic or in the reception area.
  - (c) ensure that the doctor/patient relationship is preserved at all times.
  - (d) ensure that the clinic complies with the Code of Conduct
  - (e) ensure that all communication about the patient is through or on behalf of the appropriate attending physician.
  - (f) be responsible for and have authority over all aspects of clinic operation which can affect the quality of patient care, and is accountable to the College in this respect.

The owners of each clinic shall be on record with the College. In accordance with sections 62 and 21 of *The Medical Act*, clinic owners must obtain approval from the College for the name under which the clinic will operate.

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**A statement is a formal position of the College with  
which members shall comply.**