

CONFIDENTIALITY - COUNCILLORS OF THE COLLEGE

Section 63 of The Medical Act states:

"Every person employed, appointed or retained for the purpose of administering this Act, and every member of the council or a committee of the council, shall preserve secrecy about all information that comes to his or her knowledge in the course of his or her duties, and shall not communicate any information to any other person, except

- (a) to the extent the information is available to the public under this Act;*
- (b) in connection with the administration of this Act, including, but not limited to, the registration of members, complaints about members, allegations of members' incapacity, unfitness, incompetence or acts of professional misconduct, or the governing of the profession;*
- (c) to a body that governs the practice of a health profession pursuant to an Act of the Legislature, or to the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association established under The Veterinary Medical Act, to the extent the information is required for that body to carry out its mandate under the Act;*
- (d) to a body that governs the practice of medicine in a jurisdiction other than Manitoba; or*
- (e) as may be required for the administration of The Health Services Insurance Act or The Prescription Drugs Cost Assistance Act."*

All Councillors are expected to respect confidentiality and adhere to the terms of Section 63 The Medical Act with respect to any information which comes to their attention as a result of their participation either as a member of Council or of any of its committees. Failure to do so may result in a charge of professional misconduct conduct.

In the event of controversy arising relative to maintaining confidentiality, the Councillor will be asked to provide an accounting to the Executive Committee. If the Executive Committee is not satisfied with the explanation, the Councillor will be notified in writing that the Councillor is invited to offer his/her resignation to Council.

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

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