

VOLUME OF SERVICES BY PHYSICIANS

Service volume and physician workloads may be defined in many ways. Excessive workloads may result from overly long work hours, insufficient time to provide an acceptable standard of care per unit of service, or being on call most or all of the time. Each of these risk factors may in turn result in chronic fatigue and place patients at unnecessary risk.

It is considered unacceptable by The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba for any physician to have excessive workload volumes, or be on call so frequently as to result in a risk that chronic fatigue may impair the judgement, decision or procedural skills of the physician.

REFERENCES

1. The College of Physicians and Surgeons Guideline No. 158, "Cross Coverage in Rural Hospitals", STNDS/01-97; 1-G103.

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

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