

WHO DOES WHAT?



DOCTORS OF BC AND COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Doctors of BC and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia each has a distinct purpose and play different roles in the professional lives of physicians. The following is a comparison that shows how the two organizations differ and where their interests align.

DOCTORS OF BC

We make a difference so our doctors can make theirs.

Doctors of BC advocates and negotiates for doctors to achieve professional satisfaction, fair economic reward and a stronger health care system.

PURPOSE

We serve the public by regulating physicians and surgeons.

The College regulates the practice of medicine for the protection and safety of patients.



Optional

Payment of annual membership dues is optional. Those who pay dues are **members**.



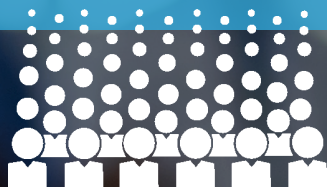
YEARLY FEES OR DUES

Mandatory

All practising physicians must pay annual licence renewal fees to obtain a licence to practise medicine. They are **registrants**.

Board and Representative Assembly

Represents the interests of the profession and is accountable to members.

**GOVERNANCE****Board**

Acts solely in the public interest at all times and is accountable to the BC Ministry of Health.

Advocates for physicians

Doctors of BC advocates for and advances the interests of physicians to achieve its Purpose.

**PHYSICIAN
ADVOCACY****No advocacy work**

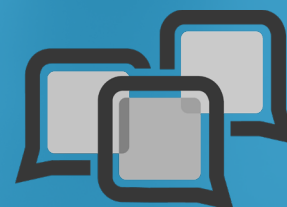
The College does not advocate for the profession.

**Negotiates for physicians**

Negotiates with the provincial government on the Physician Master Agreement, which determines compensation and benefits for BC physicians.

NEGOTIATIONS**No negotiations**

The College is not involved in negotiations.



No role in complaints

Doctors of BC does not have a role in representing physicians under investigation by the College. Physicians can seek legal support from the CMPA or their own lawyer.

**PATIENT
COMPLAINTS****Investigates complaints**

The College investigates all complaints about physicians in a fair and transparent manner and takes appropriate action to ensure that patient safety is not being compromised.

Quality improvement

Doctors of BC supports quality improvement. It creates and administers programs with government to support system quality of care – ie – Practice Support Program (GPSC), Quality Improvement (SSC).

**QUALITY OF
CARE****Quality assurance**

The College administers quality assurance programs to ensure physicians remain competent throughout their careers. These include: Physician Practice Enhancement Program and Prescription Review Program.

Provides input

Doctors of BC is one of a number of stakeholders that provides input into accreditation criteria, advocating for fairness, etc.

ACCREDITATION**Administers programs**

The College administers two accreditation programs: Diagnostic Accreditation Program and Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical Facilities Accreditation program.

Provides input

Doctors of BC provides input into the College's development of standards and guidelines as part of the College consultation outreach. This collective member input is part of its role in advocating for physicians.

The Guidelines and Protocol Advisory Committee (GPAC), a partnership of Doctors of BC and BC government, develops "Made in BC" clinical practice guidelines and protocols.

STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

Develops standards

The College develops standards and guidelines that address key areas of practice, and respond to existing or emerging issues and topics.

Standards are mandatory. They reflect the minimum standard of professional behaviour and ethical conduct expected of physicians. Guidelines outline a recommended course of action where physicians may exercise reasonable discretion in their decision-making.

WHEN TO CALL DOCTORS OF BC

- When you are seeking help and/or advice on an issue or concern relating to your practice and health authorities or government, or you want to participate in physician advocacy on an issue that is important to you.
- When you have questions or need support with local contracts with Health Authorities.
- When you have questions or want more information on Doctors of BC administered PMA benefits such as CMPA rebates, CME/REAP, etc. Also re: fee guide, PSP training, Collaborative programs leadership programs.
- When you want information about services such as Insurance, Telus or Club MD.

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WHEN TO CALL THE COLLEGE

- When you are seeking information on matters related to registration and licensure – cancelling, renewing, taking a leave of absence, and criminal record checks.
- When you have questions or want more information on complying with College practice standards and/or specific accreditation standards.
- When/if you are supervising an international medical graduate and have questions or would like more information.

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