



Privacy Resources for Physicians

BC Privacy Legislation	
BC e-Health Act	https://bccla.org/privacy-handbook/main-menu/privacy8contents/privacy8-12.html
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act	https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/comple/e/statreg/96165_00
Guide to the Personal Information Protection Act	https://www.oipc.bc.ca/guidance-documents/1438
Personal Information Protection Act	https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/comple/e/statreg/03063_01
Codes of Ethics and Privacy	
CMA Code of Ethics	https://www.cma.ca/En/Pages/code-of-ethics.aspx
CMA Privacy and Confidentiality	https://policybase.cma.ca/viewer?file=%2Fmedia%2FPolicyPDF%2FPD13-01.pdf#page=1&search=privacy%20confidentiality&phrase=false
Principles for the Protection of Patients' Personal Health Information	https://policybase.cma.ca/viewer?file=%2Fmedia%2FPolicyPDF%2FPD18-02.pdf#page=1&search=privacy%20policy&phrase=false
Accountability	
Electronic Records Handbook	https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/handbooks/electronic-records-handbook
Leaving Practice	https://www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/PSG-Leaving-Practice.pdf
Medical Records – Issues & Guidelines	https://www.divisionsbc.ca/provincial/resources/medical-records-issues-guidelines/medical-records-issues-guidelines



Medical Records Standards	https://www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/PSG-Medical-Records.pdf
Telemedicine in Primary Care Policy Statement	https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/sites/default/files/final-telemedicine-in-primary-care-policy-statement.pdf
Telemedicine Standards	https://www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/PSG-Telemedicine.pdf
Data Handling	
Consent: A Guide for Canadian Physicians	https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/handbooks/consent-a-guide-for-canadian-physicians
Disclosure of Patient Information to Law Enforcement Authorities	https://www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/PSG-Disclosure-of-Patient-Information.pdf
Emailing Patient Information	https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/sites/default/files/ptv3.0.18_guidelines_for_use_of_email_or_fax.pdf
Fax and Preventing Privacy Breaches	https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/browse-articles/2023/using-fax-in-your-practice-ten-ways-to-reduce-privacy-risks
Photographic, Video and Audio Recording of Patients	https://www.cpsbc.ca/files/pdf/PSG-Photographic-Video-Audio-Recording.pdf
Privacy Breaches: Tools and Resources	https://www.oipc.bc.ca/guidance-documents/1428
Protecting Personal Information	http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/employment-business/business/managing-a-business/protect-personal-information
Protecting Personal Information Away from the Office	https://www.oipc.bc.ca/guidance-documents/1447
Securing Personal Information: A Self-Assessment Tool for	https://www.oipc.bc.ca/guidance-documents/1439



Organizations	
Information Technology	
Cloud Computing for Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises	https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/privacy-topics/technology-and-privacy/online-privacy/cloud-computing/gd_cc_201206/
Contemplating a Bring your Own Device (BYOD) Program? Consider These Tips	https://www.oipc.bc.ca/guidance-documents/1828
Getting IT Right	https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/sites/default/files/gettingitright.pdf
Health Information Standards	https://infocentral.infoway-inforoute.ca/en/standards/canadian
Physician Office IT Security Guide	https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/clinic_it_security_guide.pdf
Privacy and Cybersecurity	https://www.priv.gc.ca/en/opc-actions-and-decisions/research/explore-privacy-research/2014/cs_201412/
Protecting Patient Privacy when Delivering Care Virtually	https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/browse-articles/2013/protecting-patient-privacy-when-delivering-care-virtually
Technology Unleashed – The Evolution of Online Communication	https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/browse-articles/2019/texting-safely-about-patient-care
Telemedicine Challenges and Obligations	https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/browse-articles/2018/thinking-of-working-with-virtual-clinics---consider-these-medical-legal-issues
Telemedicine White Paper	https://www.ihl.org/library/white-papers/telemedicine-ensuring-safe-equitable-person-centered-virtual-care



Top 15 Tips: Mobile Devices: Tips for Security and Privacy	https://www.oipc.bc.ca/guidance-documents/1994
Videoconferencing consultation: When is it the right choice?	https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/browse-articles/2013/protecting-patient-privacy-when-delivering-care-virtually
Practice Continuity During a Disaster	
Emergency Response	https://www.cpsbc.ca/news/publications/college-connector/2022-V10-01/01
What community physicians could offer during a disaster	https://www.bcmj.org/cohp/what-community-physicians-could-offer-during-disaster
Privacy Commissioners	
British Columbia	https://www.oipc.bc.ca
Canada	https://www.priv.gc.ca