

Proposed bylaw 23.4

Delegation to duly qualified laser technicians

(a) A duly qualified medical practitioner may delegate to a duly qualified laser technician the administration of laser radiation for a medical purpose, but only when the physician has assessed the indications and potential contraindications for each patient. The physician must personally assess each patient undergoing invasive laser procedures including ablative laser skin resurfacing or vascular procedures. The physician must be available to attend at the same location as the laser therapy is provided.

(b) Prior to delegating the authority for a laser technician to perform an activity the physician must be satisfied that the individual to whom the act will be delegated has the appropriate knowledge, skill and judgement to perform the delegated act. The delegate must be able to carry out the act as competently and safely as the delegating physician.

(c) The authority to delegate must be provided in writing to the delegate, and must contain:

- (i) a specific description of the activities which have been delegated;
- (ii) any conditions or restrictions associated with the delegation.

(d) A delegation is only valid if the delegate accepts the delegation.

(e) A delegation may be revoked by the delegating physician at any time.

(f) A physician who has delegated an activity shall retain a copy of the document which authorizes the delegation.

(g) A delegation is only valid while the delegating physician is generally available to provide oversight and advice to the delegate. If the physician who has delegated the activity no longer has oversight responsibility for the delegated activity, the delegation is no longer valid.

(h) A physician delegating an activity pursuant to this bylaw must provide the appropriate level of supervision to ensure that the act is performed properly and safely.