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Dear Colleague,

**Re: Guidance to the profession regarding the provision of abortion services to non-Canadian residents**

Guidance from the College provides information to express or clarify the College's view on a particular matter. It is intended as guidance for physicians in areas where research and current practice are evolving or changing rapidly, the implementation of processes and procedures may be premature, or it is timely to communicate the College's stance on an issue before a bylaw, policy, or professional guideline is developed. It is available on the College's webpage under [Guidance to the Profession](#).

In Saskatchewan physicians must have liability protection against negligence claims as a condition of licensure (CPSS [Regulatory Bylaw 33.1](#)). Most physicians have coverage through CMPA.

- The [CMPA](#) has advised that it will only provide assistance for physicians performing abortion services to U.S. patients in limited circumstances.
- The College requires physicians to have liability protection in order to practise medicine in Saskatchewan.
- Physicians who intend to provide abortion services to U.S. patients must therefore make additional/alternate insurance arrangements for coverage when providing abortions services to U.S. patients.

Please refer to the [CMPA](#) articles [When non-resident patients seek abortions in Canada](#), and [Medico-legal implications of Canadian physicians providing abortions to non-residents](#) for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Werner Oberholzer".

Dr. Werner Oberholzer

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