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Dear Colleagues:

Updated guidance: The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan (CPSS) expectations of physicians regarding vaccination status

The College again wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to all healthcare workers who are continuing to provide the best care to patients despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. Kindness, empathy and evidence-based care by physicians and frontline workers have ensured continuity of care thus far, but the pandemic is not over yet.

At its March 18, 2022 meeting, the Council of the CPSS updated the expectation statement, as the November 23, 2021 expectation expired at the lifting of the state of emergency order by the Government of Saskatchewan. Based on the College's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct, the updated expectation statement follows:

Physicians who are delivering in-person care, if asked by a patient, will advise the patient of their COVID-19 vaccination status.

Duration of the expectation:

The obligation will end December 31, 2022, unless amended or extended by the Council.

- 1. **Physicians**: All individuals with a medical degree licensed by the CPSS, including residents and post-graduate trainees who are registered on the CPSS educational roster.
- 2. *In-person care*: Any situation in which care is delivered where the physician will be in close proximity to patients when care is delivered, or in situations where any in-person contact may be expected during the course of care delivery.

Sincerely,

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