

Reprocessing of Medical Equipment

Standards of Practice of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (“the College”) are the minimum standards of professional behavior and ethical conduct expected of all regulated members registered in Alberta. Standards of Practice are enforceable under the *Health Professions Act* and will be referenced in the management of complaints and in discipline hearings. The College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta also provides **Advice to the Profession** to support the implementation of the Standards of Practice.

- (1) A physician who uses reprocessed medical equipment in a non-hospital setting must ensure that procedures for the cleaning, disinfecting and sterilizing of that equipment comply with the manufacturer’s recommendations and quality standards acceptable to the College.

- (2) A physician must implement or follow all directions given by the Infection Prevention and Control Committee of the College.

Terms used in the Standards of Practice:

- *Physician* means any person who is registered or who is required to be registered as a member of this College. The College regulates physicians, surgeons and osteopaths.
- *Must* refers to a mandatory requirement.
- *May* means that the physician may exercise reasonable discretion.
- *Patient* includes, where applicable, the patient’s legal guardian or substitute decision maker.