

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

# Reprocessing of Medical Equipment

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The ***Standards of Practice*** of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta (“CPSA”) 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. CPSA also provides ***Advice to the Profession*** to support the implementation of the Standards of Practice.

1. A regulated member 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 CPSA.
2. A regulated member **must** implement or follow all directions given by the [Infection Prevention and Control](#) Committee of CPSA.

## RELATED STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

- [Medical Services Requiring Accreditation Outside of Hospitals](#)

## COMPANION RESOURCES

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- [IPAC Standards](#)
- [Medical Device Reprocessing](#)

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### Terms used in the Standards of Practice:

- “Regulated member” 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.