

POLICY # & TITLE	8.5 Directly Observed Collections
PURPOSE	Describe the rationale and protocol for direct observation of urine collections for regulated members being biologically monitored in the Physician Health Monitoring Program (PHMP)
SCOPE	All regulated members requiring directly observed collections in the PHMP
NOTES	<p>Regulated member means any person who is registered or is required to be registered as a member of CPSA.</p> <p>A directly observed collection may be authorized and required for future collections when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A specimen temperature is outside the acceptable range • A specimen shows sign of tampering and/or contamination: unusual color/odor/characteristic • The collector or PHMP suspects a specimen may have otherwise been tampered with and/or contaminated • The participant has no legitimate explanation for certain atypical results • The collector or PHMP believes that the participant may be using synthetic urine

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POLICY STATEMENT

Directly observed urine collections will be carried out as instructed by the Drug Testing Review Consultant of the PHMP.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [Drug Testing Review Consultant Role](#)

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Registrar is given the authority to determine competence, including continuing competence of regulated members. The HPA allows the Registrar to delegate functions and duties to another person or committee. The Registrar's duties and responsibility under Part 3 of the HPA have been delegated to the Assistant Registrar(s) and/or Competence Committee responsible for continuing competence, including physician health monitoring.

APPROVAL

Council governing the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta

AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

- [*Health Professions Act*](#)
- [CPSA Bylaws](#)
- [CPSA's Standards of Practice](#)
- [Code of Ethics & Professionalism](#)