

Virtual care: for the purpose of this standard, “virtual care” is defined as any interaction between patients and members of their circle of care occurring remotely, using any form of communication or information technology with the aim of facilitating or maximizing the quality of patient care.

When appropriate: physicians must use their clinical judgment when considering whether virtual care is appropriate based on the patient’s location, presenting health concern, need for physical examination and the physician’s ability to arrange same, access to relevant patient information (e.g., pharmaceutical, laboratory, diagnostic imaging, etc.), and other available resources (e.g., technology, support staff, other healthcare services, etc.) while the physician is out of the province.

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ⁱ From CPSM's [Virtual Medicine](#) standard of practice (November 1, 2021).

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