

POLICY TITLE	Non-Clinical Practice Policy – General Register
PURPOSE	Ensure all physicians, surgeons, osteopaths and physician assistants participating solely in non-clinical practice maintain an active practice permit which clearly delineates the nature of their practice.
SCOPE	<p>This policy applies to physicians, surgeons, osteopaths and physician assistants who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been registered on the General Register to practice independently (in the case of physician assistants, under the direction of a physician, surgeon or osteopath) or would otherwise meet the criteria for registration on the General Register; • Are seeking to limit practice to the performance of duties that do not involve any clinical care of patients; • Are not subject to an order of suspension as a result of a Hearing Decision, withdrawal from practice undertaken under Part 4 of the <i>Health Professions Act</i> (HPA) or subject to suspension under section 118 of the HPA; and • Will spend a minimum of six (6) continuous months in non-clinical practice.
NOTES	<p>The practice of medicine for regulated members on this sub-register will be restricted to non-clinical practice.</p> <p>The practice permit criteria for the General Register applies remains applicable to a regulated members registering on this sub-register.</p> <p>Transfer to the General Register follows the appropriate process.</p>

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POLICY STATEMENT

The non-clinical practice sub-register of the General Register is restricted to those physicians, surgeons, osteopaths and physician assistants who meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) are currently on the General Register of CPSA, or would otherwise meet the criteria for registration on the General Register,

- 2) are in good standing¹ with CPSA; and
- 3) fulfill all other requirements of registration inclusive of (but not limited to) medical liability insurance, annual renewal of practice permit and compliance with Continuous Professional Development Rules for Member Participation.

Regulated members must spend a minimum of six (6) continual months in non-clinical practice and on this sub-register.

Non-clinical practice:

- Members on this sub-register may not write prescriptions, order diagnostic tests, or provide medical services or advice whether directly or indirectly to patients, and are not the most responsible physician in the care of patients.
- Members on this sub-register shall not bill the Schedule of Medical Benefits for insured services nor shall they bill a patient or any other third-party for patient care.
- Members on this sub-register must adhere to the standards of practice and all other requirements and expectations from CPSA and of the profession.

Registering on or Transfer between the Non-Clinical Practice Sub-Register and the General Register:

- Members must complete the necessary requirements to register on this sub-register
- Regulated members who wish to resume/transfer to/start clinical practice must transfer to the General Register, which involves:
 - Making written application to the Assistant Registrar for Registration (delegate for the Registrar) for a determination of the assessment required prior to a return to clinical/patient care practice; and
 - Completing any registration requirements and requirements set by the Registrar or their delegate.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [Registration policies](#)

AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

- [Health Professions Act](#)
- [Physicians, Surgeons, Osteopaths and Physician Assistants Profession Regulation](#)
- [CPSA Bylaws](#)

¹ Refer to the [CPSA Bylaws](#) for the definition of good standing; a registered member must be in good standing at the time of registration to be eligible for this sub-register. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis depending on circumstance.