

Non-Clinical Practice Policy Limited Practice Register

POLICY TITLE	Non-Clinical Practice Policy – Limited Practice Register
PURPOSE	Ensure all physicians and osteopaths 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 and osteopaths who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have been registered on the Limited Practice Register to practice under the direction of a physician or osteopath • 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 will be restricted to non-clinical practice.</p> <p>The practice permit criteria for the Limited Practice Register remains applicable to a regulated member.</p>

EFFECTIVE DATE: MAY 25, 2023

DATE OF LAST REVIEW/REVISION: MAY 25, 2023

POLICY STATEMENT

The non-clinical practice category of the Limited Practice Register is restricted to those physicians, and osteopaths who meet all of the following criteria:

- 1) are currently on the Limited Practice 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.

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 register. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis depending on circumstance.

Regulated members must spend a minimum of six (6) continual months in non-clinical practice.

Non-clinical practice:

- Members 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 register must adhere to the standards of practice and all other requirements and expectations from CPSA and of the profession.
- Approval from Alberta Health Services is required to transfer to and from this register.

Registering on or Transfer between Non-Clinical category on the Limited Practice Register and the Limited Practice Register:

- Members must complete the necessary requirements to register
- Approval is required to transfer to and from this category on the Limited Practice Register
- Regulated members who wish to resume/transfer to/start clinical practice must transfer to the Limited Practice Register, which involves:
 - Obtaining documented approval from Alberta Health Services
 - Making a 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](#)

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Registrar is given the authority to determine application for registration under sections 28 to 30 of the Health Professions Act (HPA). Section 20 of the HPA allows the registrar to delegate functions and duties to another person. Registrar has delegated their duties and responsibility under Part 2 of the HPA to the Assistant Registrar responsible for registration.

APPROVAL

Council governing the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta.

AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

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