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1.0 Purpose

Ensure all physicians, surgeons and osteopaths who have not met the requirements for the General Register as a medical or surgical practitioner in a specialty discipline have the required training and competencies to practise medicine safely.

2.0 Scope/Application & Authorities

This policy applies to physicians, surgeons and osteopaths who are registered on the Provisional Register Conditional Practice as a practitioner in a medical or surgical specialty discipline. These members practise independently and are the most responsible physician in the care of their patients.

3.0 Policy Details

- 3.1 Physicians, surgeons and osteopaths in the practice of a specialty discipline who have **not** met the requirements for the General Register must meet the specific criteria outlined below for their route.
- 3.2 Have a **medical degree** from a medical school listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools at the time the candidate completed the program. Otherwise, they must have a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from a school in the United States, accredited by the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation.
- 3.3 Have successfully completed a nationally recognized standardized examination in Canada **or** an Approved Jurisdiction as approved by the Registrar, which evaluates the medical knowledge, clinical skills, and professional competencies required to practice medicine.
- 3.4 If applying as a Family Medicine specialist, have passed the Medical Council of Canada Therapeutic Decision-Making (TDM) exam.
- 3.5 Demonstrate currency of practice. This includes evidence of having been in discipline-specific postgraduate training **or** discipline-specific practice for one (1) year within the last three (3) years.
- 3.6 Obtain a sponsorship letter.

- 3.7 Pass a Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA), comprised of the Preliminary Clinical Assessment and a Probationary Assessment (PA).
- 3.8 Meet discipline-specific postgraduate training and certification requirements. The requirements for Family Medicine or other Specialty disciplines are outlined below:
 - a) **Family Medicine** - Successfully complete a continuous Family Medicine postgraduate training program and have a verifiable document of completion. The program must include four months of community- based primary care and a minimum of eight weeks each of three of the following: Paediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Surgery and Internal Medicine.
 - b) **Specialty and Subspecialty Discipline** – The physicians must have discipline-specific postgraduate training. Both the training and the certification process must be substantively equivalent to that required by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC). They must be able to produce a verifiable document of completion of discipline-specific training and certification

Relevant Documents

- Therapeutics Decision Making Exam (TDM)

Responsibilities

The Registrar is given the authority to determine applications 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. The Registrar has delegated their duties and responsibility under Part 2 of the HPA to the Assistant Registrar responsible for registration.

Authority Documents

- Health Professions Act
- Physicians, Surgeons, Osteopaths and Physician Assistants Profession Regulation
- CPSA Bylaws

Document History

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