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Dear CPSO Policy Department:

Thank you for the invitation to provide feedback on the revised CPSO Scope of Practice Policy.

We feel that this a concise and functional policy document. The definition for scope of practice is practical and encompasses the various factors that influence scope (patients, procedures, treatments, environment).

We do believe that there may be some benefit in providing further examples that illustrate a "significant" change in practice. Given that practices naturally change over time with evolving technology, we feel that the policy document does not make it entirely clear when physicians should take it upon themselves to seek new training. Presumably it would be when they feel uncomfortable with independent practice of their new task, but some tangible examples would help to avoid confusion.

In the course of reviewing this draft policy, questions arose that the College may want to provide clarification on in the document:

- Does the policy require that FPs who move into doing cosmetic procedures will be expected to complete an assessment?
- Would a change in scope require a return to a structured learning environment? For example, for the process of methadone licensing, a large barrier is finding a supervisor for the four half-days that they need to complete. If the CPSO is asking for a month long re-training program for a change in scope of practice – we are concerned that there simply is not infrastructure and programs created yet to accommodate this.
- We wondered who, more specifically than “the College”, decides what the training program and assessment process will be?

We do, as always, appreciate being included in the CPSO's consultative process.