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Dear CPSO Policy Department:

Thank you for the invitation to provide feedback on the CPSO *Disclosure of Harm* policy.

We recognize and support the CPSO's role to serve and protect the public, and appreciate the privilege that we are afforded, as physicians and surgeons, to be a self-regulated profession. We appreciate that the CPSO has a very important role in protecting the best interests of patients and educating physicians on their ethical obligations towards their patients.

The policy provides useful guidance to physicians on the matters contained. We found the definitions section to be excellent and the bolded headlines make the policy very easy to follow. We also found the portion addressing *apologies* to be communicated in a very clear manner.

There were some areas we had questions and/or suggestions:

- Where the policy identifies that the MRP needs to ensure disclosure occurs, is this a requirement for the MRP to be physically present if it is a resident or medical student who is the one who discloses? Does the policy permit the trainee to disclose independently?
- wW propose that an example of a *disclosure entry* in a medical record be provided to guide physicians in the amount of detail to optimally include.

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

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