



THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO

CPSO's [Third Party Reports](#) and [Medical Expert: Reports and Testimony](#) policies are currently being reviewed. These policies have been combined into a new draft *Third Party Medical Reports* policy and a new companion *Advice to the Profession* document has been developed. These drafts are now being circulated for feedback.

The following survey asks you a few questions about the draft policy and companion *Advice to the Profession* document. It will take approximately **15 minutes** to complete. You will be able to pause during the survey and restart at a later time if you wish.

If you would like to review the survey in advance, you can download a copy [here](#).

All survey responses will be reviewed and a summary of the results will be posted online following the close of the consultation. The identity of all individual respondents will be kept strictly confidential.

About You

Do you live in...

- Ontario
 - Rest of Canada
 - Outside of Canada
 - Prefer not to say
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Are you a...?

- Physician (including retired)
 - Medical student
 - Member of the public
 - Other health care professional (including retired)
 - Organization
 - Prefer not to say
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Please tell us which organization you are responding on behalf of:

The following questions will ask you about the draft [Third Party Medical Reports](#) policy.

Title

The title of the draft policy is *Third Party Medical Reports*.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements related to the draft policy title.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
The title is appropriate.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The title captures what the policy is about (independent medical examinations, third party medical reports and testimony).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please feel free to elaborate on your answers above. For example, if you think that *Third Party Medical Reports* is an appropriate title, please tell us why. If you do not think that

Third Party Medical Reports is an appropriate title, what title do you think would be more appropriate? (Optional)

Physician Participation in Third Party Processes

The draft policy requires that physicians be actively practicing (within the past 2 years) within the requisite scope of practice and area of expertise to accept a request to conduct an independent medical examination (IME) or act as a medical expert.

Conducting IMEs and acting as medical experts reasonably requires current or recent experience practicing in the requisite scope of practice and area of expertise. Current or recent experience providing clinical care (i.e., treating patients) however may not be required if it is not relevant to the third party request.

As such, the draft policy **does not** necessarily prevent physicians from exclusively conducting IMEs and/or acting as medical experts if for example, that is the scope of practice and area of expertise the third party request requires, and they meet all of the requirements set out in the draft policy.

Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with this expectation:

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
For physicians who conduct IMEs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
For physicians who act as medical experts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please feel free to elaborate on your answer above. (Optional)

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
It is appropriate for physicians to get assistance conducting IMEs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is appropriate for physicians to get assistance writing third party medical reports.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is reasonable to require that physicians clearly identify who assisted them in conducting the IME.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is reasonable to require that physicians clearly identify who contributed to the third party medical report.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please feel free to elaborate on your answers above. (Optional)

Timely

The draft policy requires physicians (who are not acting as medical experts) to complete IMEs and/or third party medical reports in a timely manner, within the following maximum time frames:

- 60 days for third party medical reports that require IMEs; and
- 45 days for third party medical reports that **do not** require IMEs.

Thinking specifically about third party medical reports that require IMEs, please indicate how reasonable you think the following maximum time frames for completion are:

	Very reasonable	Somewhat reasonable	Neither reasonable nor unreasonable	Somewhat unreasonable	Very unreasonable
30 days after receiving the request	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
45 days after receiving the request	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
60 days after receiving the request	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please feel free to elaborate on your answers above. (Optional)

Thinking specifically about third party medical reports that **do not** require IMEs, please indicate how reasonable you think the following maximum time frames for completion are:

	Very reasonable	Somewhat reasonable	Neither reasonable nor unreasonable	Somewhat unreasonable	Very unreasonable
30 days after receiving the request	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
45 days after receiving the request	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
60 days after receiving the request	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please feel free to elaborate on your answers above. (Optional)

Thinking specifically about third party medical reports that relate to income and/or the necessities of life, please indicate how reasonable you think it is to require their completion urgently (sooner than the maximum timeframe for third party medical reports).

- Very reasonable
 - Somewhat reasonable
 - Neither reasonable nor unreasonable
 - Somewhat unreasonable
 - Very unreasonable
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Please feel free to elaborate. (Optional)

Draft Policy

In order to answer the next few questions, it is important that you have read the draft *Third Party Medical Reports* policy. If you have not read the draft policy, you will be skipped to the next section; however, the answers you have provided to all previous questions will still be submitted. If you would like, you may take a moment to read the draft policy by clicking [here](#).

Have you read the draft *Third Party Medical Reports* policy?

- Yes
 - No
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We'd like to understand whether the draft policy is clear and comprehensive. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements regarding the draft policy.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
The policy is clearly written.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The policy is easy to understand.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
The policy is comprehensive and addresses all of the relevant or important issues related to third party medical reports.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The policy includes definitions of all essential terms.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please feel free to elaborate on your answers above. For example, how can we improve the policy's clarity? How can we make the policy more comprehensive? (Optional)

Does the draft policy contain content or expectations that you feel are unnecessary and should be removed? (Optional)

Advice

The following questions will ask you about the companion [Advice to the Profession](#) document.

The draft *Third Party Medical Reports* policy has a companion document called *Advice to the Profession: Third Party Medical Reports*. The purpose of this *Advice* document is to clarify and further explain the draft policy content.

Are there topics or issues that you think could benefit from additional detail, explanation, or examples that should be addressed in the *Advice* document?

- Yes
- No

Don't know

Please feel free to elaborate. (Optional)

Does the draft *Advice* document contain content that you feel is unnecessary and should be removed? (Optional)

End

If you have any additional comments that you have not yet provided on the draft policy or *Advice* document, please provide them below, by [email](#), or through our [online discussion forum](#).

Thank you!

These are all the questions we have for you today.

Once a final policy has been approved by CPSO Council, the policy will be posted on the CPSO website.