

# Premises required to report adverse events to College

A by-law that requires out-of-hospital premises to report adverse events to the College is now in place.

The by-law was circulated for feedback to the profession and was returned for decision at the May Council meeting.

“We need to know when adverse events occur in OHPs for the purpose of protecting patients, maintaining public confidence, and monitoring quality improvement within OHPs,” said Dr. Eric Stanton, College President.

The by-law is needed to create a two-tier framework for the reporting of adverse events. The by-law defines the types of Tier 1 adverse events which physicians must report to the College, within 24 hours of learning of the event. The Tier 2 adverse events reporting requirements will be outlined in the OHP Standards document, when it is updated. Tier 2 events did not form part of the external consultation.

The by-law defines the types of Tier 1 adverse events which physicians must report to the College, within 24 hours of learning of the event.

## Tier 1 Events

The by-law requires that the following events MUST be reported by the physician to the College within 24 hours of his/her knowledge of the event:

1. Death within the premises;
2. Death within 10 days of a procedure performed at the premises;
3. Any procedure performed on wrong patient, site or side;



4. Transfer of a patient from the premises directly to a hospital for care.

Upon receipt of an adverse events reporting form, the College will determine whether further action is required, such as a re-assessment of the premises.

## Tier 2 Events

Tier 2 events will be tracked by the OHP for quality improvement purposes, and reported to the College on an annual basis.

The proposed list of events that must be documented by a Medical Director upon learning of the event and reported annually to the College, include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The number and type of infections occurring in the premises;
2. An unscheduled return to the procedure room for an unexpected event;
3. An unplanned stay at the premises for medical reasons that is longer than 12 hours post-procedure;
4. An unscheduled treatment of a patient in a hospital ►►

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within 10 days of a procedure performed at a premises.

A Tier 2 adverse events reporting form will be developed during the revision process of the OHP Standards document.

Tier 2 reports will be forwarded to a College Medical Advisor for review and any suggestions regarding further follow-up that may be required by the premises.

In addition to reporting these adverse events annually, the OHP Standards will require the members involved in the events, in collaboration with the Medical Director, to document any relevant corrective actions and quality improvement initiatives taken as a result of an internal review of an adverse event. **MD**