



Standards of Practice of the Yukon Medical Council (“the Council”) are the minimum standards of professional behavior and ethical conduct expected of all physicians registered in the Yukon. Standards of Practice will be referenced in the management of complaints and in discipline.

- (1) For the purpose of this Standard, “telemedicine” means the provision of medical diagnosis and patient care through electronic communication where the patient and the provider are in different locations.
- (2) A physician who practises telemedicine for a patient located within the Yukon must:
 - (a) be registered as with the Council; and
 - (b) adhere to the Council [Standards of Practice](#) and [Code of Ethics](#).
- (3) Notwithstanding subsection 2 (a), a physician who does not hold a valid and active Yukon license may practise telemedicine for a patient located within the Yukon if:
 - (a) the total number of telemedicine events are limited to five (5) times per year; or
 - (b) the telemedicine event is for emergency assessment or treatment of a patient.
- (4) A physician who holds a valid and active Yukon license and practises telemedicine for a patient located outside the Yukon must comply with the licensing or registration requirements of the jurisdiction in which the patient is located.
- (5) A physician must not issue or sign a prescription, by electronic or other means, unless the physician:
 - (a) obtains a medical history and conducts an appropriate examination of the patient adequate to establish a diagnosis and identify underlying conditions;
 - (b) ensures there are no absolute contraindications to the treatment recommended or provided; and
 - (c) has an appropriate, informed discussion to ensure the patient understands the risks, benefits and course of action if concerns are identified.
- (6) Notwithstanding section (5), a physician may issue a prescription without meeting the full scope of the requirements listed above in the following circumstances:
 - (a) for emergency treatment of a patient; or
 - (b) in consultation with another physician who has an ongoing relationship with the patient and who has agreed to provide ongoing supervision of the patient’s treatment; or
 - (c) in an on-call or cross-coverage situation in which the prescribing physician has access to the patient’s medical records.

Terms used in the Standards of Practice:

- *Physician* means any person who is registered or who is required to be registered under the Medical Profession Act.
- *Must* refers to a mandatory requirement.
- *May* means that the physician may exercise reasonable discretion.
- *Patient* includes, where applicable, the patient’s legal guardian or substitute decision maker.