

## COMMITTEE ON ETHICS TERMS OF REFERENCE

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### Reports to:

General Council annually, and to the CMA Board of Directors throughout the year.

### The committee:

1. shall elaborate, interpret and recommend amendments to the Code of Ethics
2. shall address problems related to ethics referred to the association
3. shall advise the association on matters pertaining to ethical issues that arise from scientific and technological progress in the health sciences and ethical issues of interest or concern to the medical profession
4. shall advise the association on ethical issues related to its core strategies and priorities
5. shall maintain the confidentiality of documents and where appropriate, committee deliberations

### Membership:

- Five members selected on a regional basis (BC/Yukon, Prairie provinces/NWT, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic provinces). The members are elected on the basis of interest, experience and expertise from a roster of candidates proposed to General Council by the Committee on Nominations, which allows for the regional structure of the Committee.
- 1 resident member elected by General Council
- 1 student member elected by General Council
- 1 Board member appointed by and from within the Board
- A chair elected by General Council on recommendation from the Committee on Nominations.

### Corresponding members:

1 member from each province or territory without a member on the committee

### Observers:

When necessary for the work of the committee, observers and guests may be invited to attend.

### Term:

Member: 3 years, renewable once (with the exception of the student and resident members who serve a 1-year term, renewable twice)

Chair: 3 years, renewable once

### Quorum:

5 members

### Secretariat:

Office of Ethics

### Meetings:

At least two meetings per year, and teleconferences as required

### Distribution of Minutes:

Members and Observers of the Committee, CMA Provincial and Territorial Medical Associations