COMMITTEE ON ETHICS TERMS OF REFERENCE

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

Terms of reference:

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 abide by the CMA Committee/Sub-Committee Code of Conduct and complete the conflict of interest declaration form
6. 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
▪ one resident member elected by General Council
▪ one student member elected by General Council
▪ one board member appointed by and from within the board
▪ a chair elected by General Council on the recommendation of the Committee on Nominations

Corresponding members:
▪ one 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: three years, renewable once (with the exception of the student and resident members, who serve a one-year term, renewable twice)
Chair: three years, renewable once

Quorum: five members
Meetings: at least two meetings per year, and additional meetings as required
Secretariat: Office of Ethics
Distribution of minutes: members and observers of the committee, CMA provincial and territorial medical associations

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