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SECTION	
POLICY NAME	Prescription Writing
DESCRIPTION	<p>The provision of a prescription is a Medical Act, the purpose of which is to treat a condition or disease for the benefit of the patient. The decision to do so is based on the physician's knowledge of the patient's symptoms, physical examination, and state of health. In signing a prescription, a physician "is practising medicine and acknowledging a physician- patient relationship with all the ethical and legal encumbrances of that."*</p> <p>The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Prince Edward Island considers written prescriptions (including, but not limited to, those for medication, prostheses, glasses, hearing aids), distance prescribing by internet, telephone or fax, and electronic prescriptions to be included in this statement.</p> <p><i>*(Letter, Dr. T. Peter Seland, Deputy Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia, November 26, 2001)</i></p>
APPLICABLE LEGISLATION	
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