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STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

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POLICY

To promote patient care through the Registrant's annual risk management assessment of the medical emergency preparedness of his/her practice and ensure documentation of policy for appropriate and rapid response to medical emergencies.

INTENT

The intent of this standard is to advise Registrants with respect to the requirements for medical emergency preparedness in their practice.

DESCRIPTION OF STANDARD

1. Assessment of Level of Risk within the Practice

The Registrant shall undertake an annual assessment of the level of risk of adverse effects, defined by the nature of their practice, and shall prepare accordingly.

The Registrant undertakes an annual medical emergency risk analysis of their practice based on, as a minimum, the following criteria:

- volume of patients;
- practice location (urban/rural);
- practice location (severe weather patterns);
- proximity to a hospital;
- proximity to an emergency room;
- breadth of practice and illness of patients; and
- access to emergency medical services (EMS).



2. Documented Procedures and Knowledge

- i. The Registrant shall maintain currency in Health Care Provider CPR and standard first aid, as outlined in the College of Homeopaths of Ontario *Registration Regulation*.
- ii. The Registrant shall maintain written medical emergency procedures and clearly display these procedures in their treatment room.
- iii. The Registrant shall ensure that staff is aware of and trained in medical emergency procedures that might be required in the course of doing their jobs including immediate contact with 911.

3. Maintain Currency and Competence in CPR and First Aid

In accordance with the *Registration Regulation* of the College of Homeopaths of Ontario, maintain currency and competence in Health Care Professional CPR and standard first aid.

RELEVANT COMPETENCIES & PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

*Note to Readers: The performance indicators listed below each competency are examples of the possible indicators which demonstrate performance consistent with the competency. The list of performance indicators is not exhaustive. For complete information please refer to College documents *Competency Profile for Entry-to-Practice Homeopaths Practising in Ontario* (February 27, 2012) and *Performance Indicators* (March 2012).*

- 2.17 Recognize the signs and symptoms of potentially serious or life-threatening conditions to determine whether referral to other health-care professionals or agencies is required. (S)

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

1. Identify common signs and symptoms of conditions that could pose serious or life-threatening risk to health (e.g., seizures, heart attack, shock).
2. Offer appropriate support for serious or life-threatening conditions (e.g. CPR, first aid, 911, referral to other health-care professionals).

- 2.24 Possess a current certification in health-care provider CPR and standard first aid. (S)

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR

1. Possess a current certification in health-care provider CPR and standard first aid.

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this standard the following definitions apply:

Adverse Effects

Adverse effects means a symptom produced by a drug or therapy that is injurious to the patient.¹

Homeopath

“Homeopath” means a registrant of the College of Homeopaths of Ontario.

Registrant

A Registrant is a member of the College of Homeopaths of Ontario.

¹ Dorland’s Medical Dictionary



Risk Management Assessment

Risk management assessment is the consideration of the context of risk, followed by identification, analysis, evaluation, and treatment of risk.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Homeopathy Act, 2007, [Ontario Regulation 14/18 Registration](#):

Registration requirements, Full class

6. (1) The following are registration requirements for a Full certificate of registration:
 5. The applicant must be certified in health care provider CPR and standard first aid.
- (2) The requirements in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of subsection (1) are non-exemptible.

Terms, etc., Full class

7. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are terms, conditions and limitations on every Full certificate of registration:
 2. At all times the member must be certified in health care provider CPR and standard first aid.
 - (2) The terms, conditions and limitations described in paragraph 2 of subsection (1) do not apply to a member's certificate of registration if that member was not required, before the issuance of his or her Full certificate of registration, to meet the requirements of paragraph 5 of subsection 6 (1).

Registration requirements, Grandparented class

9. (1) The following are registration requirements for a Grandparented certificate of registration:
 5. The applicant must be certified in health care provider CPR and standard first aid.
- (2) The requirements in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of subsection (1) are non-exemptible.

Terms, etc., Grandparented class

10. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the following are terms, conditions and limitations on every Grandparented certificate of registration:
 4. At all times the member must be certified in health care provider CPR and standard first aid.
 - (2) The terms, conditions and limitations described in paragraph 4 of subsection (1) do not apply to a member's certificate of registration if that member was not required, before the issuance of his or her Grandparented certificate of registration, to meet the requirements of paragraph 5 of subsection 9 (1).

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- #5 Standard of Practice on Accepting Delegation of a Controlled Act
- #15 Standard of Practice on Scope of Practice

SOURCE

College of Naturopaths of Ontario