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New guidance available to physicians on privacy and security of patient records

VICTORIA— The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for BC, the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Doctors of BC have released a joint guidance document to assist physicians who work in private practice. The *BC Physician Privacy Toolkit* describes the privacy issues associated with the collection, use, disclosure, retention, and protection of personal information.

This updated *Toolkit* provides physicians' offices with information to help them comply with their obligations under the *Personal Information Protection Act* to protect the personal information in their custody or control.

Highlights from the toolkit include:

- privacy management programs;
- electronic medical records;
- the use of mobile devices; and
- responding to complaints and privacy breaches.

The privacy toolkit is available at <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/guidance/guidance-documents/>

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