



College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia

Professional Standards and Guidelines

Disclosure of Fetal Sex

Preamble

This document is a guideline of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia.

College's Position

Pregnant patients have a right to full disclosure of their personal health information, including disclosure of fetal sex upon request. Accordingly, if information regarding fetal sex is available from the medically indicated diagnostic procedures performed, it should be disclosed to the pregnant patient upon request. The patient should not be charged privately or additionally for this information if it is acquired during medically indicated diagnostic procedures.

Guiding Ethical Principles

CMA Code of Ethics

Fundamental Responsibilities

1. Consider first the well-being of the patient.

Responsibilities to the Patient

33. Be aware of your patient's rights with respect to the collection, use, disclosure and access to their personal health information; ensure that such information is recorded accurately.

See also [Non-medical Use of Ultrasound](#)

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