

Guide for members of the public responding to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario

Consultation: *Professional Obligations and Human Rights*

The policy requires physicians to participate in morally controversial services (like euthanasia) by helping to arrange for them (“effective referral”).

Physicians, organizations and the public are invited to send feedback to the College in three ways.

On-Line Discussion Forum: http://policyconsult.cpsso.on.ca/?page_id=13146

Provide your feedback in comment box.

Your name and email address will not be published.

* denotes a mandatory field.

Email

Respondent

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Location

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Gender

Race/Ethnicity

Comment

Type your comments here

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Enter your comments using the form at the top of the page. This will register a numbered entry.

The first five points are essential. If you agree with them, they should be clearly stated, preferably in your own words.

- 1) Doctors should always act in emergencies to prevent people from dying or being disabled. Conscientious objectors don't refuse to do this.
- 2) People can get morally controversial services like euthanasia without forcing unwilling doctors to become involved.

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- 3) The government and groups supporting morally controversial services can help people to get them without forcing unwilling doctors to help. Use Telehealth Ontario for this.
- 4) The government and the College should not force doctors to do what they believe to be wrong or harmful to patients, especially killing people.
- 5) Doctors who refuse to do what they believe to be wrong or harmful to patients should not be punished or discriminated against.

After making these essential points, you can add further comments you think relevant.

Examples:

- 6) I don't want to be treated by a doctor who is willing to do what he believes to be wrong or harmful just to keep his job or to stay on good terms with other doctors.
- 7) Punishing doctors for refusing to do what they believe to be wrong or harmful is intolerant, discriminatory and bullying.
- 8) Doctors who want to provide euthanasia and other controversial services don't need protection. The law protects them already and the system helps them. It's doctors who refuse need protection from harassment and discrimination.

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Instead of commenting in the Discussion Forum you can email the College. Follow the guidelines above in writing your email.

On-line survey: https://cpsy.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_82qNsVt782HDBDT

The On-line survey is the most complicated part of the consultation. It has been designed to serve the College's purposes and is easily tabulated by computer. The College is likely to pay more attention to completed surveys than other input.

You must complete the survey on-line, but you can download a copy to review beforehand from:

http://policyconsult.cpsy.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/POHR_Survey_PDF.pdf