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Medical Directives

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Working with Delegation, Medical Directives and Orders in an Ever-Evolving, Multi-Professional, Multi-Statute Controlled Acts Practice Environment
• Enable professionals and teams in any health care setting in Ontario to use delegation, medical directives and orders in accordance with patient needs and legislative and regulatory requirements.

• Address varying and evolving interpretations of delegation, directives and orders.
• Create interprofessional guidelines and tools to facilitate use.
Consensus

‘Common Denominators’

- Authorizing Mechanisms
- Authorizers and Implementers
- Performance Readiness
- Principal Expectations of Practice
- Accountability
Performance Readiness

• Prior to authorizing or performing any procedure, RHPs must assure performance readiness – competence to authorize and perform procedures and manage outcomes given the patient’s condition and needs and circumstances in the situation.
Accountability

• RHP authorizers and implementers are both accountable for their decisions and actions
• If RHPs hold themselves out as competent, this can be relied upon, unless there are reasonable grounds to believe otherwise
• **Accountability is never transferred**, RHPs are always accountable for decisions and actions

• **Liability** is managed by appropriately fulfilling responsibilities in accordance with applicable expectations for practice
Why Accept Authority to Perform a Controlled Act?

- Facilitate patient access to care
- Provide care/service by most reasonable health care practitioners
- Provide safe and ethical care in best interest of patient
- Enhances collaborative health care model, especially in primary care
- Cost effective
In which practice settings could it work?

- Hospitals
- Community pharmacies
- Family Health Care Teams