
The Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review



Confidentiality of Peer Review Program

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Policy: The Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review Program shall treat as strictly confidential any information regarding a physician, which is provided by that physician to an assessor or a member of the Peer Assessment Committee during the course of an assessment.

Guidelines:

1. No assessor, officer or employee of the program shall provide evidence against a physician in a disciplinary matter, as required under the following legislation:
Section 62.2 (5) - Medical Act of New Brunswick
Section 24.14 (1) - Medical Act of Newfoundland & Labrador
Section 71 (5) - Medical Act of Nova Scotia
Section 38.2 (5) - Medical Act of Prince Edward Island
2. Assessors, officers and employees of the Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review Program shall not provide any evidence with regard to a physician in any legal proceeding and shall exercise the protection provided under the following legislation:
Section 62.2 (2) - Medical Act of New Brunswick
Section 24.11 - Medical Act of Newfoundland & Labrador
Section 71 (2) - Medical Act of Nova Scotia
Section 38.2 (2) - Medical Act of Prince Edward Island

(Copies of the pertinent legislation shall form part of this policy, and may be found in Section 6 of the Assessors' Manual.)
3. In the event an assessor, officer or employee of the Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review Program is called upon to provide evidence in contravention of this policy, legal counsel shall be provided by the Program to protect him or her.
4. An assessor, officer or employee of the Atlantic Provinces Medical Peer Review Program who is in violation of this policy shall be considered to have forfeited all indemnity and protections provided under the Medical Acts and Evidence Acts of the four Atlantic Provinces.