

ensure that the identities of all other participants involved in the virtual care encounter are disclosed to and approved by the patient, and documented in the patient record

explain the appropriateness, limitations, and privacy risks related to virtual care to the patient in plain language during the initial virtual care visit, and document their consent

consider whether the virtual care medium affords adequate assessment of the presenting problem, and if it does not, arrange for a timely in-person assessment done by themselves, or another registrant or nurse practitioner with whom the registrant has a pre-established agreement

create, maintain, and provide a copy of the medical record in accordance with professional and legal requirements and the College's *Medical Records Documentation* and *Medical Records Management* practice standards

communicate with referring and other treating physicians and provide follow-up and after-hours care as medically appropriate, including informing the patient of appropriate follow-up in accordance with the *Referral-Consultation Process* professional guideline and *Care Coverage Outside Regular Office Hours* practice

only prescribe opioid agonist treatment (OAT) for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) if they have

- o a longitudinal treating relationship with the patient, or
- o performed and documented a comprehensive assessment themselves (either by virtual care or in-person) and will be available to the patient for follow-up and are able to provide ongoing care that includes comprehensive management of the OUD

only prescribe psychotropic medications (e.g. antidepressants, mood stabilizers, anti-psychotic medications) to a patient if they have

- o a longitudinal treating relationship with the patient, or
- o performed and documented a comprehensive mental status assessment themselves (either by virtual care or in-person) and will be available to the patient, providing ongoing care including monitoring of drug therapy, or
- o are in direct communication with another registrant or nurse practitioner who does have a longitudinal relationship, agrees with the prescribing and will be available to the patient

only complete a document for the authorization of cannabis for medical purposes to a patient if they have

- o a longitudinal treating relationship with the patient, or
- o are in direct communication with another registrant or nurse practitioner who does have a longitudinal treating relationship, and both agree with issuing a document for the authorization of cannabis for medical purposes

not charge for insured services; if charging for uninsured services, do so in accordance with the *Charging for Uninsured Services* practice standard

Cross-border virtual care

