

## Sedation and General Anesthesia (GA) Standards Working Group Terms of Reference

### Mandate

The Sedation and GA Standards Working Group was established to draft BCCOHP Sedation and GA Standards for recommendation to the Standards and Guidance Committee. The working group will take into consideration existing Sedation and GA standards from the legacy colleges. The working group is accountable to the Standards and Guidance Committee.

### Composition

The working group consists of members appointed by the board, and must include at least:

- 1 full dentist registrant, who practices general dentistry and is qualified to provide moderate and/or deep sedation,
- 1 full dentist registrant who provides deep sedation and general anaesthesia, and is credentialed in dental anesthesiology,
- 1 full dentist registrant who is a certified specialist in pediatric dentistry and/or oral maxillofacial surgery and provides moderate and/or deep sedation,
- 1 biomedical engineer (P. Eng), and
- 1 medical practitioner registered with CPSBC, certified in anesthesiology or medical anesthesia (can be a staff member of CPSBC).
- 1 nurse or certified dental assistant with sedation and/or anesthesiology experience.

### Composition Matrix

Members of the Sedation and GA Standards Working Group should demonstrate one or more of the following competencies:

- **Knowledge and experience**  
Current education and experience providing moderate and/or deep sedation, and/or general anesthesia, and/or biomedical engineering; (familiarity with current standards)
- **Research and analytical skills**  
Ability to conduct research and analyze findings
- **Writing and editing skills**  
Ability to support staff with writing and editing of the standards and guidance

- **Risk assessment**  
Ability to assess and mitigate risk to patients
- **Systems thinking**  
Ability to consider how sedation and GA fit in dentistry and how BCCOHP works with other health professionals
- **Standard development**  
Experience developing regulatory standards or other similar documentation

## Authority

The Standards and Guidance Committee has the authority to:

- a) oversee the development of draft standards and guidance for the professions regulated by BCCOHP (Bylaw Part 4), and
- b) Make recommendations to the board for approval of those draft standards.

Through the Committee's terms of reference, it may establish expert working groups to draft the standards in accordance with the Standards and Guidance Development Process.

## Duties and Responsibilities

The working group will:

- a) Conduct research and analysis of existing sedation and GA standards;
- b) Develop standards and guidance for the provision of sedation and GA using the Standards and Guidance Development Process;
  - i. Draft standards aligned with BCCOHPs standards framework
  - ii. Draft Sedation and GA Standards using BCCOHP's standard development criteria as well as other jurisdictional requirements, specifically those from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC)
  - iii. Draft guidance for how to meet the approved standards using the development criteria
  - iv. Collaborate with the other standards WGs and any other applicable groups when required
  - v. Consult with external expertise, if required
- c) Provide the Standards and Guidance Committee with draft standards and guidance for review and recommend approval by the board;
- d) Make any revisions to the draft standards and guidance following Committee review and consultation;

## Terms and meetings

The working group's term is for one year and may be reduced or extended, if required.

The Sedation and GA Standards Working Group will meet as many times as necessary to meet the objectives of the working group.