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**New guidance available to physicians on privacy and security of patient records**

**VICTORIA—** The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for BC, the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons, and Doctors of BC have released a joint guidance document to assist physicians who work in private practice. The *BC Physician Privacy Toolkit* describes the privacy issues associated with the collection, use, disclosure, retention, and protection of personal information.

This updated *Toolkit* provides physicians' offices with information to help them comply with their obligations under the *Personal Information Protection Act* to protect the personal information in their custody or control.

Highlights from the toolkit include:

- privacy management programs;
- electronic medical records;
- the use of mobile devices; and
- responding to complaints and privacy breaches.

The privacy toolkit is available at <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/guidance/guidance-documents/>

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