

Regulatory Colleges Respond to Health Privacy Breaches

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Breaches of Health Privacy: Role of Professional Regulatory Colleges

The transition from paper-based patient records to electronic patient records appears to be resulting in an increase in privacy breaches by health professionals found “snooping” into patients’ health records. Professional self-regulatory bodies have already had to grapple with this issue. The Discipline Committee of the College of Nurses of Ontario recently imposed a serious penalty on a member found guilty of such privacy violations, sending a message that such behaviour is unacceptable.

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