

Thompson Clinic - Continuing Professional Development  
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Learning objectives

By the end of this session the learner will be able to:

- 1) Describe the criteria for determining a mature minor, and how to apply them in the clinical context
- 2) Define the limits of confidentiality, how to attend to confidentiality in daily interactions, and discuss the challenges of interacting with law enforcement
- 3) Describe an approach to preserving privacy and dignity for patient examination

Case 1 – Consent and minors

Canadian Medical Protective Association(CMPA) Statement on mature minors -

<https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/browse-articles/2014/can-a-child-provide-consent>

Canadian Pediatric Society statement on decision-making and consent in children:

<https://cps.ca/en/documents/position/medical-decision-making-in-paediatrics-infancy-to-adolescence>

Case 2 - Confidentiality

CMPA general statement <https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/browse-articles/2015/when-to-disclose-confidential-information>

CMPA statement on interacting with police - <https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/browse-articles/2011/physician-interactions-with-police>

CMPA form for staff – confidentiality agreement - <https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/risk-management-toolbox/confidentiality-non-disclosure-agreement>

CMPA Good Practices Guide – excellent overall resource for confidentiality

<https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/education-events/good-practices/professionalism-ethics-and-wellness/privacy-and-confidentiality>

The CMPA website also has some relevant sample cases (and answers) around issues of confidentiality - [https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/static-assets/pdf/education-and-events/elearning/21\\_privacy\\_and\\_confidentiality\\_knowledge\\_check-e.pdf](https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/static-assets/pdf/education-and-events/elearning/21_privacy_and_confidentiality_knowledge_check-e.pdf)

Case 3 – Privacy and professionalism

CMPA advice regarding chaperones - <https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/advice-publications/browse-articles/2019/is-it-time-to-rethink-your-use-of-chaperones>

CMPA Good Practices Guide – Boundaries - <https://www.cmpa-acpm.ca/en/education-events/good-practices/professionalism-ethics-and-wellness/boundaries>