

**STATEMENT 1.1.5 – Accepted Statements on Medical Professionalism
Undergraduate Medical Education**

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I. PURPOSE

“The medical profession is characterized by a strong commitment to the well-being of patients, high standards of ethical conduct, mastery of an ever-expanding body of knowledge and skills, and a high level of clinical independence. As individuals, physicians’ personal values may vary, but as members of the medical profession they are expected to share and uphold those values that characterize the practice of medicine and the care of patients.

Medical professionalism includes both the relationship between a physician and a patient and a social contract between physicians and society. Society grants the profession privileges, including exclusive or primary responsibility for the provision of certain services and a high degree of self-regulation. In return, the profession agrees to use these privileges primarily for the benefit of others and only secondarily for its own benefit. Three major features of medical professionalism — the ethic of care, clinical independence and self-regulation — benefit physicians, their patients and society.” (*CMA Policy on Medical Professionalism, 2005*)

A number of statements and charters on professionalism exist. The Undergraduate Medical Education Program at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry values and endorses the content, the best practices and the experiences of these statements.

II. STATEMENT

- a. *Schulich Charter on Medical & Dental Professionalism (2005)*
 - i. The Undergraduate Medical Education Program endorses the Schulich Charter on Medical & Dental Professionalism, located electronically at:
https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/learner-equity-wellness/equity_professionalism/charter_medical_dental_professionalism.html
- b. *Schulich Four Pillars of Professionalism*
 - i. The Undergraduate Medical Education Program endorses the Schulich Four Pillars of Professionalism, located electronically at: https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/learner-equity-wellness/equity_professionalism/charter_of_professionalism.html
- c. *Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Policy on Medical Professionalism (2005)*
 - i. The Undergraduate Medical Education Program endorses the CMA Policy on Medical Professionalism, located electronically at: <http://policybase.cma.ca/dbtw-wpd/Policypdf/PD06-02.pdf>
- d. *Schulich Policy and Guidelines for Interactions between Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and Pharmaceutical, Biotech, Medical Device, Medical/Dental Supply, and Research Equipment Supplied Industry “Industry” (2011)*
 - i. The Undergraduate Medical Education Program the endorses Schulich Policy and Guidelines for Interactions between Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and Industry, located electronically at:

https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/about/deans_office/docs_coi/COI_policy_revised_DentistryOct-7-2011.pdf

- e. *CPSO Policy Statement on Physician Behavior in the Professional Environment* (2016)
 - i. The Undergraduate Medical Education Program endorses the CPSO Statement on Physician Behavior in the Professional Environment, located electronically at:
<http://www.cpso.on.ca/CPSO/media/documents/Policies/Policy-Items/Physician-Behaviour-Professional-Environment.pdf?ext=.pdf>

- f. *CPSO Statement on Professional Responsibilities in Undergraduate Medical Education* (2012)
 - i. The Undergraduate Medical Education Program endorses the CPSO Statement on Professional Responsibilities in Undergraduate Medical Education, located electronically at:
<http://www.cpso.on.ca/uploadedFiles/policies/policies/policyitems/profrespUG.pdf>