
Confidentiality and Privacy for People Living with HIV/AIDS

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WHEREAS the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario has highlighted the need to re-examine public health policies and procedures in its report "HIV/AIDS: A Need for Privacy" (October 1990) and states:

"policies and procedures should contain a recognition that maximum confidentiality of personal information related to HIV/AIDS is an essential public health measure. In order to retain the full trust and confidence of persons at risk, the government has an interest in ensuring that HIV/AIDS-related personal information is not improperly disclosed and in having clear rules for the appropriate disclosure of such information"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OPHA promote the principle and right of privacy for people living with HIV/AIDS.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT OPHA call upon professional Associations to continue to promote their standards and ethics on an ongoing basis and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT OPHA call upon professional Colleges to establish and review their regulations re: confidentiality and to ensure appropriate disciplinary action when their members violate confidentiality.

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