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STRATEGIC POSITION STATEMENT

THE ROLE OF THE MEDICAL SPECIALIST

BODY OF STATEMENT

The medical specialist is a medical practitioner, uniquely positioned by virtue of training, qualifications and experience. The medical specialist has a comprehensive specialist scope of knowledge and skills, and demonstrates excellence across a broad range of the competencies identified in the CanMEDS framework; Medical Expert, Communicator, Collaborator, Manager, Health Advocate, Scholar, Professional.

Medical specialists are committed to maintaining professional standards through continuing education and peer review. Leadership and collaboration in the clinical team, accountability for clinical outcomes, responsibility for the delivery of specialist medical care and appropriate stewardship of community resources are key attributes. Medical specialists also play a key role in health prevention and advocacy of health issues in the community.