

Appendix A. How the Standards of Practice Document was Developed

Over a 22-month period the *Standards of Practice* (2015) were developed using the following steps:

- i. Development of a Background Document that included an environmental scan of current trends/frameworks in Standards of Practice and other relevant background materials.
- ii. Establishment of a Standards of Practice Advisory Group (SPAG) to provide input into document development through all phases of the project.
- iii. Development of a draft *Standards of Practice* document.
- iv. Facilitation of a face-to-face meeting with the SPAG to review Draft 1 of the *Standards of Practice*.
- v. Stakeholder validation of the revised *Standards of Practice* using an electronic survey.
- vi. Creation of a final *Standards of Practice* document.

Revisions made after 2015 have the new approval date marked in the heading related to the specific Standard of Practice and indicators that were revised. These revisions have involved review of the existing Standard by a committee of SLPs and audiologists charged with development and revision of that Standard of Practice and associated guidelines, followed by a member vetting process that invited feedback from all regulated ACSLPA members. An external stakeholder consultation process was then completed by Alberta Health prior to obtaining final ACSLPA Council approvals.

In 2021, a review of all existing Standards of Practice was completed by the Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination Advisory Committee (ARADAC), by ACSLPA staff, and by a focus group comprised of SLP and audiology regulated members followed by a full member vetting process. An external stakeholder consultation was then facilitated by Alberta Health prior to final ACSLPA Council approval and adoption.