



Alberta College of  
Speech-Language Pathologists  
and Audiologists

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# Essentials

## ***Revised Documentation and Information Management Standard of Practice Now in Effect***

The revised ***Standard of Practice on Documentation and Information Management*** was approved by ACSLPA Council at their June 5, 2021, meeting and is now in effect.

Development of this revised standard involved input from ACSLPA's Practice Advisory Committee, staff, a full regulated member vetting process, and external stakeholder consultation administered by Alberta Health.

Indicators from the Standard of Practice have also been embedded into the ***Clinical Documentation and Record Keeping Guideline***, which was revised last year.

A webinar regarding these documents and implications for clinical practice will be scheduled for the Fall; In the meantime, please familiarize yourself with the content as the new Standard is now in force.

Questions can be directed to Sandy Nickel at [dpp@acslpa.ca](mailto:dpp@acslpa.ca), Susan Rafaat at [deputyregistrar@acslpa.ca](mailto:deputyregistrar@acslpa.ca) or Cheryl Blair at [audiology@acslpa.ca](mailto:audiology@acslpa.ca).

## **Seeking Feedback Re: Virtual Care Guideline**

ACSLPA is seeking input from regulated SLPs and Audiologists on a newly developed ***Virtual Care Guideline***, replacing our former *Telepractice Guideline (2009)*.

Please read the ***Virtual Care Guideline*** prior to responding to the survey. As you complete the survey, we will draw your attention to specific sections. We encourage you to review each section prior to responding to the questions. Thank you for your valuable input!

**[Click here](#) to link to the survey, deadline for feedback is Tuesday, July 6, 2021.**

## **COVID-19 Update**

Alberta's "Open for Summer Plan" Stage 3 is set to start on July 1, 2021. There are signals that some requirements may continue to be in place for healthcare providers. ACSLPA is waiting for additional information from public health officials and we will be providing information to ACSLPA members as soon as we hear more. Please stay tuned and keep your eye to <https://www.acslpa.ca/covid-19-pandemic-information/>.

## **Continuing Competence Committee Recruiting Members**

If you actively support the ACSLPA CCP, have a desire to learn more about it, enjoy developing resources, and look forward to engaging in the annual audit process, this committee might be the right one for you.

ACSLPA's Competence Committee is seeking 3 SLPs and 2 audiologists to join the committee. Several of the committee's volunteers have terms ending in 2021, and replacements are needed!

[Click here](#) for more information

Interested members should provide a brief expression of interest (no more than 500 words) and a recent resume to Sandy Nickel at [dpp@acslpa.ab.ca](mailto:dpp@acslpa.ab.ca) by **August 31, 2021**.

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## New: ACSLPA Insights

WELCOME to a new series of educational and informative content about why ACSLPA exists and what it does for members and the public. This series is meant to offer insight into the workings of regulatory Colleges and to offer support so members can ensure they are up to date with the responsibilities and privileges that accompany a self-regulatory profession.

[Click here](#) to view the first article that will explain and inform about ACSLPA Fees.

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## Your Opportunity to Join Council

Nominations for ACSLPA Council are now open now but will close in one week, June 30.

[Click here](#) to submit your nomination now!

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## Feedback on ACSLPA Communications

ACSLPA is looking for your feedback to improve our communications with members.

Please consider taking a couple of minutes to complete a brief survey and let us know your communication preferences.

Your input is appreciated. [Click here](#) to link to the survey.

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## Other Surveys

### ***Hearing Loss and COVID-19: Survey for Audiologists***

Dalhousie University is inviting hearing professionals in Canada and the US to participate in an online survey investigating sudden sensorineural hearing loss and other hearing changes in patients who have had COVID-19. This survey is being conducted by Patricia Van Roon, PhD Candidate at Dalhousie University (Canada) and has been approved by the Dalhousie University Research Ethics Board. If you are a student, please feel free to inform your hearing professional so they can participate.

[Click here](#) to link to the survey.

### ***Online Hearing Experiment***

A group at the University of Alberta has released an online hearing experiment investigating the impact of noise on following instructions (Pro00105017).

This experiment is only available in English and should take less than 45 minutes. It needs to be completed on a laptop or desktop computer.

If you are interested in participating, [click here](#) to access the experiment.

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