

Glossary of Terms

Term/Phrase	Definition	Practice equivalent
Competency	Defines as a physician’s ability to do the right thing, at the right time, in the right way, for the right reasons; and to do this habitually in daily practice for the benefit of those being served.	How physicians practice
Sentinel Habits	Defines essential, priority skills that are comprehensive and easily recognizable (observable) in busy clinical settings.	Physicians behaviours
Evaluation Objectives	Guides the clinical assessment of competence in Family Medicine. They describe the skills and behaviours that are indicative of competence in dealing with the clinical tasks and problems that make up the domain of competence to be assessed	Describe the actions of competent physicians.
CanMeds-FM	Serves as a broad and comprehensive description of the roles and responsibilities carried out by family physicians in their work with patients, families, health professionals and communities.	The many different roles physicians perform on a daily basis
Domains of Care	Define the various population and activities that physicians encounter in clinical settings.	Who/what physicians see/do
Skills Dimensions	Essential skills that enable family physicians to deal competently with problems in the domain of family medicine	

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