
TRANSPARENCY PRINCIPLES

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The mandate of regulators is public protection and safety. The public needs access to appropriate information in order to trust that this system of self-regulation works effectively.

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Providing more information to the public has benefits, including improved patient choice and increased accountability for regulators.

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Any information provided should enhance the public's ability to make decisions or hold the regulator accountable. This information needs to be relevant, credible and accurate.

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In order for information to be helpful to the public, it must:

- be timely, easy to find and understand.
- include context and explanation.

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Certain regulatory processes intended to improve competence may lead to better outcomes for the public if they happen confidentially.

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Transparency discussions should balance the principles of public protection and accountability, with fairness and privacy.

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The greater the potential risk to the public, the more important transparency becomes.

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Information available from Colleges about members and processes should be similar.