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Liability Risks in Interdisciplinary Care: Thinking Outside the Box

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Abstract:

Health care professionals, administrators and governments are increasingly recognizing the importance of interdisciplinary care to a high-performing system. But many have expressed concerns regarding liability risks in interdisciplinary settings. Based on extensive research and stakeholder consultations, this presentation examines how Canadian courts have handled malpractice liability and changing scopes of practice. It concludes that liability is not the barrier that many perceive it to be and suggests how health care organizations and professionals can minimize their risks.