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- a) *National Occupational Competency Profile* (2011);
- b) *Canadian Paramedic Profile* (2017);
- c) *Code of Ethics* (2016); and
- d) *Principles to Guide the Future of Paramedicine in Canada* (2022).

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