

**Clinical Practitioner in Oncology  
was approved by PMSEC on December 14, 2017**

**REVIEW PANEL COMPOSITION**

The panel was composed of two co-chairs with expertise in the provincial privileging dictionaries and 7 subject matter experts, who work across the province and with representation of the Family Practice Oncology Network.

**RECORD OF REVIEW PANEL DECISIONS AND CRITERIA IDENTIFIED:**

Below are decisions made by the review panel and/or criteria identified by the panel to guide discussion of clinical practice and standards.

**1. Clinical Practitioners in Oncology chosen as the name for privileges**

The panel was in agreement with “clinical practitioner” as the appropriate term for privileging practitioners who have the appropriate training and experience to be qualified for these privileges as not all physicians doing this role are General Practitioners. The privileging name does not equate to practitioners identity in their workplace.

**2. Privileges for Clinical Practitioners in Oncology are “additional”**

All practitioners will complete a dictionary for privileges in their discipline, and may use this dictionary to add privileges in oncology.

**3. Provide oncology related services for at least 24 weeks in the past 36 months to maintain privileges**

This is based on an individual working providing oncology services for eight weeks per year. Those eight weeks may be worked on a part time basis. If an individual is working 8 weeks at 37.5 hours/week that equates to 300 hours/year or 900 hours/36 months; which equates to roughly 5 hours per week if working part time in oncology services. Alternatively an individual could work 10 hours per week for just 26 weeks of the year. Please see information on Page 3 under Current experience.

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## Clinical Practitioner in Oncology

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective from \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

- Initial privileges (initial appointment)
- Renewal of privileges (reappointment)

All new applicants must meet the following requirements as approved by the governing body, effective: December 14, 2017

### Instructions:

**Applicant:** Check the “Requested” box for each privilege requested. Applicants are responsible for producing required documentation to allow for a proper evaluation of current skill, current clinical activity, and other qualifications and for resolving any doubts related to qualifications for requested privileges. Please provide this supporting information by uploading the appropriate documents

**Medical/Clinical leaders:** Check the appropriate box for recommendation on the last page of this form and include your recommendation for any required evaluation. If recommended with conditions or not recommended, provide the condition or explanation on the last page of this form.

**Current experience:** Current experience thresholds suggested in this document were developed by practitioners in the field, and are *not* intended as a barrier to practice or to service delivery. They are *not* intended as rigid cutoffs, below which clinical privileges must be restricted or removed. Instead, medical/clinical leaders are encouraged to initiate discussions with those practitioners who are close to or below the thresholds, to ensure that mechanisms are in place to ensure adequate practitioner experience and patient outcomes.

**Other requirements:** Note that even if applicants meet skill or experience requirements, each site will determine if the requested privilege can be supported at that site. Privileges granted may only be exercised at the site(s) and/or setting(s) that have sufficient space, equipment, staffing, and other resources required to support the privilege.

This document is focused on defining qualifications related to training and current experience to exercise clinical privileges. The applicant must also adhere to any additional organizational, regulatory, or accreditation requirements that the organization is obligated to meet.

**Context:** The care of patients presenting with complex problems or uncommon diseases requires access to multidisciplinary groups, experienced teams and institutions with the necessary subspecialties and infrastructure for appropriate care.

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**Grandparenting:** Practitioners holding privileges prior to implementation of the dictionary will continue to hold those privileges as long as they meet current experience and quality requirements

**Continuous Professional Development (CPD):** Where suggested in this document, CPD requirements reflect those professional development activities which are eligible for:

1. credit under the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada's (RCPSC's) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program;
2. the College of Family Physicians of Canada Mainpro+;
3. those professional development activities held in foreign jurisdictions which would be eligible under the MOC/Mainpro program if held in Canada; or
4. equivalent CPD or Quality Assurance activities for other practitioners.

**Planned vs. Unplanned (Emergency) Care:** The scope of privileges granted to any individual practitioner is based on considerations of patient care under "normal circumstances." In the setting of risk to life or limb, the rules of privilege are not meant to constrain practitioners from acting in the best interest of a patient.

*Note:* The dictionary will be reviewed over time to ensure it is reflective of current practices, procedures and technologies.

**Core privilege:** Types of activities a recent graduate of the discipline can reasonably be expected to perform at a specific facility. Under core privileges in this dictionary, if there is a procedure you wish to NOT perform please type into the *Comments* field.

**Non-core privilege:** Types of activities that require further training, experience and demonstrated skill. Non-core privileges are requested in addition to requesting core. Individuals requesting these privileges should meet the specific threshold criteria associated to such non-core privileges.

**Restricted procedures:** Some dictionaries have procedures identified by the Ministry of Health as [DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED SERVICE BY THE MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION]. Privileges identified as restricted procedures may be flagged in this document. Where it appears, the restricted procedures flag is for administrative tracking only, and has no impact on clinical content.

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### Summary of the privilege application:

Clinical Practitioner in Oncology privileges may be sought by medical staff who provide an expanded scope of oncology based services as part of an Oncology team. Medical staff who complete this dictionary also need to complete the dictionary of the primary discipline to which they belong.

### Definitions

Clinical Practitioners in Oncology (CPO) are medical staff who provide an expanded scope of oncology based services as part of an Oncology team. They provide medical care to patients with cancer in collaboration with specialist oncologists. This includes but is not limited to: diagnostic procedures, implementation, management and monitoring of treatment plans and pain and symptom management.

### Qualifications for CPO

To be eligible to apply for any privileges in Oncology, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

**Initial privileges:** Privileges within a dictionary of an appropriate discipline e.g. family medicine, internal medicine, or other. Education and experience should be appropriate to the position being filled.

**Recommended current experience:** Full- or part-time relevant clinical experience reflective of the scope of privileges requested (minimum of 24 weeks providing clinical services in the discipline for the past 36 months), or successful completion of an appropriate family medicine or specialty certification within the past 12 months.

**Renewal of privileges:** To be eligible to renew privileges as a Clinical Practitioner in Oncology, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

Current demonstrated skill and an adequate volume of full- or part-time experience providing clinical services with acceptable outcomes, reflective of the scope of the privileges requested (minimum of 24 weeks providing clinical services in the discipline for the past 36 months), based on results of ongoing practice evaluation.

Oncology-related CME, minimum of 10 hours/ year averaged over a five year MAINPRO cycle

**Return to practice:** Individualized evaluation at a mutually agreed upon site with supervision of core practice relevant to their intended scope of practice as required by the specific program's professional practice leader or delegate.

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### Core privileges: Basic CPO

#### Requested

Evaluate, diagnose, treat, and provide care to oncology patients in collaboration with other professional colleagues. May provide care to patients with emergent conditions consistent with specific program's medical staff policy.

**Initial privileges:** Related services for at least a minimum of 24 weeks providing clinical services in the discipline for the past 36 months, or successful completion of an appropriate family medicine or specialty certification within the past 12 months.

**Renewal of privileges:** Related services for at least a minimum of 24 weeks providing clinical services in the discipline for the past 36 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested; and based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation by the specific program's regional professional practice leader or equivalent.

**Return to practice:** Individualized evaluation at a mutually agreed upon site with supervision of core practice relevant to their intended scope of practice as required by the specific program's professional practice leader or delegate.

#### **Non-core privileges (see specific criteria):**

- Are permits for activities that require further training, experience and demonstrated skill.
- Are requested individually in addition to requesting the core.
- Each individual requesting non-core privileges should meet the specific threshold criteria as outlined.

### Non-core privileges: Independent prescribing of systemic therapy agents for the treatment of malignancy

#### Requested

**Initial privileges/current experience:** Successful completion of BC Cancer Agency's Family Practice Oncology Network (FPON) General Practitioner in Oncology (GPO) education program or equivalent, with appropriate clinical experience. Individual consideration can be given to candidates who have suitable experience..

**Renewal of privileges:** Related services for at least 24 weeks averaged over the prior 36 months.

**Return to practice:** Same as initial privileges.

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### Non-core privileges: Supportive care for radiation oncology patients

Requested

**Initial privileges/current experience:** Successful completion of BC Cancer Agency's Family Practice Oncology Network (FPON) General Practitioner in Oncology (GPO) education program or equivalent, with appropriate clinical experience. Individual consideration can be given to candidates who have suitable experience.

**Renewal of privileges:** Related services for at least 24 weeks averaged over the prior 36 months.

### Non-core privileges: Palliative Care, pain and symptom consultation

Requested

**Initial privileges:** Successful completion of Certification of Added Competence (CAC) in Palliative Care or an equivalent training program acceptable to the appropriate medical leader. Individual consideration can be given to candidates who have suitable experience.

**Renewal of privileges:** Related services for at least 24 weeks averaged over the prior 36 months.

**Return to practice:** Same as initial privileges.

### Non-core privileges: Methadone prescribing for analgesia

Requested

**Initial privileges/ Renewal/ Return to Practice:** Current authorization from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC) to prescribe methadone for analgesic purposes.

### Non-core procedural privileges: (tick all that apply)

**Initial Privileges/Current experience:** Demonstrated current skill over the prior 24 months, in the requested procedure(s) or successful completion of training in the procedure(s) within the past 24 months.

**Renewal of privileges:** Demonstrated current skill to satisfaction of the appropriate medical leader.

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**Return to practice:** Individualized evaluation at a mutually agreed upon site with supervision of practice relevant to their intended scope of practice as approved by the appropriate medical leader.

- Requested:** Bone marrow biopsy
- Requested:** Paracentesis
- Requested:** Thoracentesis
- Requested:** Other procedures related to oncology service:  
Please specify \_\_\_\_\_
- Requested:** Lumbar Puncture
- Requested:** Intrathecal chemotherapy administration\*

**\*Note:** Applicant must demonstrate competency in lumbar puncture, intrathecal agent administration, and ability to safely handle systemic therapeutic agents, to a qualified practitioner or appropriate medical leader.

### Non-core privileges: Point of care ultrasound

- Requested**

**Initial privileges:** Successful completion of an accredited postgraduate training program that included training in ultrasound OR completion of the practice-based pathway and training that meets currently available locally determined standards.

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**Recommended current experience:** Demonstrated current skill and evidence of the performance of regular ultrasound interpretations, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, in the past 36 months.

**Renewal of privilege:** To be eligible to renew privileges in point of care ultrasound, the applicant must meet the following criteria:

Demonstrated current skill and evidence of the performance of regular ultrasound interpretations, reflective of the scope of privileges requested, in the past 36 months based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

**Return to practice:** Demonstrated ongoing skill through a practical demonstration or by repeating an acceptable ultrasound course.

**Note:** Reminder, please refer to dictionary of an appropriate discipline e.g. family medicine, internal medicine, other to reflect complete scope of practice.

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## Dictionary content and feedback

Dictionary content will be updated in cycles of review and refresh, as listed at the [bcmqi.ca](http://bcmqi.ca) dictionary review hub. You can provide input on a dictionary at any time, by submitting a [Request for a Revision to a Privileging Dictionary](#) form to your local medical administration or the BC MQI office.

## Acknowledgement of Practitioner

I have requested only those privileges for which by education, training, current experience, and demonstrated performance I am qualified to perform and for which I wish to exercise at the facility I am applying, and I understand that:

- a. In exercising any clinical privileges granted, I am constrained by hospital and medical staff policies and rules applicable generally and any applicable to the particular situation.
- b. Any restriction on the clinical privileges granted to me is waived in an emergency situation, and in such situation my actions are governed by the applicable section of the medical staff bylaws or related documents.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical / Clinical Leader's Recommendation

I have reviewed the requested clinical privileges and supporting documentation for the above-named applicant and:

- Recommend all requested privileges
- Recommend privileges with the following conditions/modifications:
- Do not recommend the following requested privileges:

Privilege condition/ modification/ explanation

Notes:

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Name of Department / Division/ Program/ Facility:

Name of Medical Leader:

Title:

Signature:

Date:

Reference Only

