

# Hematology/Medical Oncology Privileges

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

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

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

All new applicants should meet the following requirements as approved by the governing body, effective: February 18, 2015.

**Applicant:** Check the “Requested” box for each privilege requested. Applicants are responsible for producing required documentation 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 separately.

**[Department/Program Head or Leaders/ Chief]:** 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 is an estimate of the level of activity below which a collegial discussion about support should be triggered. It is not a disqualifier. This discussion should be guided not only by the expectations and standards outlined in the dictionary but also by the risks inherent in the privilege being discussed and by similar activities that contribute to the skill under consideration. This is an opportunity to reflect with a respected colleague on one's professional practice and to deliberately plan an approach to skills maintenance.

## Other requirements

- Note that 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 competency to exercise clinical privileges. The applicant must also adhere to any additional organizational, regulatory, or accreditation requirements that the organization is obligated to meet.

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

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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.

### Definition Hematology

Hematology is that branch of medicine concerned with the clinical and laboratory investigation, diagnosis and medical management of diseases of the blood and blood-forming tissues.

### Qualifications for Hematology

**Initial privileges:** To be eligible to apply for privileges in hematology, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

Be certified as a Hematology specialist by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)

AND/OR

Be recognized as a Hematology specialist by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC) by virtue of credentials earned that are acceptable to both the CPSBC and the governing body of the Health Authority and its Affiliate(s).

OR

Has practiced as a Hematologist in the province of British Columbia prior to March 2015. (This recognizes those physicians who were practicing Hematology before it was recognized as a Royal College sub-specialty in 2009.)

**Recommended current experience:** Inpatient or consultative services in Hematology, for at least 320 hours per year averaged over the prior 24 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested OR successful completion of an accredited residency with Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or clinical fellowship within the past 24 months.

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**Renewal of privileges:** To be eligible to renew privileges in Hematology, the applicant should meet the following criteria:

Inpatient or consultative services, for at least 320 hours per year of Hematology averaged over the prior 36 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

**Return to practice:** Individualized evaluation at a mutually agreed upon academic training center within Canada that regularly trains Hematology residents, with supervision of core practice relevant to their intended scope of practice as required.

## **Core privileges: Hematology**

Core privileges are offered to ALL members in the discipline as long as the facility can support those activities.

**Requested** Evaluate, diagnose, treat, and provide consultation to patients, typically adult, with diseases of the blood and bone marrow, spleen, and lymphatic system (including but not limited to: anemia, disorders of hemostasis and thrombosis, hemoglobinopathies, leukemia, and lymphoma). May provide care to patients in the intensive care setting in conformance with unit policies. Assess, stabilize, and determine the disposition of patients with emergent conditions consistent with medical staff policy regarding emergency and consultative call services. The core privileges in this specialty include the procedures on the attached procedures list and such other health procedures that are extensions of the same techniques and skills.

## **Core privileges: Admitting Privileges**

**Requested: Full Admitting - Hematology**

## **Core procedures list**

This is not intended to be an all-encompassing procedures list. It defines the types of activities/procedures/privileges that the majority of practitioners in this specialty perform at this organization and inherent activities/procedures/privileges requiring similar skill sets and techniques.

**To the applicant:** If there is a procedure you wish to NOT perform, then please type into the *Comments* field.

## **Hematology**

- Bone marrow aspirate and biopsy



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- Diagnostic lumbar puncture
- Administration of intrathecal chemotherapy
- Therapeutic phlebotomy
- Management and care of indwelling venous access catheters
- Therapeutic/diagnostic thoracentesis and paracentesis

### Definition Medical Oncology

Medical Oncology is a medical subspecialty which is concerned with the study, diagnosis and medical management of neoplastic diseases.

### Qualifications for Medical Oncology

**Initial privileges:** To be eligible to apply for privileges in medical oncology, the initial applicant should meet the following criteria:

Be certified as a Medical Oncology specialist by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)

AND/OR

Be recognized as a Medical Oncology specialist by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia (CPSBC) by virtue of credentials earned that are acceptable to both the CPSBC and the governing body of the Health Authority and its Affiliate(s).

OR

Has practiced as a Medical Oncologist in the province of British Columbia prior to March 2015 (This recognizes those physicians who were practicing Medical Oncology before it was recognized as a Royal College sub-specialty in 2011.)

**Recommended current experience:** Inpatient or consultative services of Medical Oncology, for at least 320 hours per year averaged over the prior 24 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested OR successful completion of an accredited residency with Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada or clinical fellowship within the past 24 months.

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**Renewal of privileges:** To be eligible to renew privileges in Medical Oncology, the applicant should meet the following criteria:  
Inpatient or consultative services, for at least 320 hours per year of Medical Oncology averaged over the prior 36 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

**Return to practice:** Individualized evaluation at a mutually agreed upon academic training center within Canada that regularly trains Medical Oncology residents, with supervision of core practice relevant to their intended scope of practice as required.

### **Core privileges: Medical Oncology**

Core privileges are offered to ALL members in the discipline as long as the facility can support those activities.

**Requested** Evaluate, diagnose, treat, and provide consultation to patients, typically adult, with all types of solid tumor and lymphoid malignancies excluding acute leukemias. May provide care to patients in the intensive care setting in conformance with unit policies. Assess, stabilize, and determine the disposition of patients with emergent conditions consistent with medical staff policy regarding emergency and consultative call services. The core privileges in this specialty include the procedures on the attached procedures list and such other procedures that are extensions of the same techniques and skills.

### **Core privileges: Admitting Privileges**

**Requested: Full Admitting – Medical oncology**

### **Core procedures list**

This is not intended to be an all-encompassing procedures list. It defines the types of activities/procedures/privileges that the majority of practitioners in this specialty perform at this organization and inherent activities/procedures/privileges requiring similar skill sets and techniques.

**To the applicant:** If there is a procedure you wish to NOT perform, then please type into the *Comments* field.

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## Medical Oncology

- Therapeutic/diagnostic thoracentesis and paracentesis with or without ultrasound guidance
- Bone marrow aspirations and biopsy
- Diagnostic lumbar puncture
- Management and maintenance of indwelling venous access catheters
- Administration of intrathecal chemotherapy

## **Non-core Privileges (See Specific Criteria)**

Non-core privileges are permits for activities that require further training, experience and demonstrated skill.

Non-core privileges 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: Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT)***

- Requested** High-dose conditioning regimen and autologous stem cell transplantation
- Requested** Allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and supportive care
- Requested** Bone marrow harvest

**Initial privileges:** Successful completion of an acceptable specialized training program in HSCT of at least 6 months duration.

AND

**Recommended current experience:** Inpatient or consultative services in HSCT, for at least 320 hours per year averaged over the prior 24 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested OR successful completion of HSCT training within the past 24 months.

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**Renewal of privileges:** Inpatient or consultative services, for at least 320 hours per year of HSCT averaged over the prior 36 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

**Return to practice:** Individualized evaluation at a mutually agreed upon academic training center within Canada that regularly trains physicians in HSCT, with supervision of procedures relevant to their intended scope of HSCT practice, as required.

### **Non-core privileges: Hematology**

**Requested** Apheresis procedures (includes therapeutic plasma exchange)

**Initial privileges:** Demonstrated training in apheresis for a minimum of one month, including assessment and work up all patients in a dedicated apheresis program. Competence to be signed off by the director of that centre, and is restricted to the scope of apheresis procedures performed at that centre. Training to include formal instruction regarding the indications for and method of apheresis procedures, as well as recognition and management of side effects and complications.

AND

**Recommended current experience:** Should supervise 40 procedures a year averaged, over the previous 24 months.

**Renewal of privileges:** Performance of a minimum of 40 procedures per year averaged over the previous 36 months.

**Return to practice:** Two weeks of training in an institution that performs apheresis procedures. Appropriate self-directed education.

**Requested** Evaluation and interpretation of peripheral blood smears, bone marrow aspirates and biopsies

**Initial Privileges:** Minimum of 40 cases a year averaged over the previous 24 months.

**Renewal of privileges:** Minimum of 40 cases a year averaged over the previous 36 months



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**Return to practice:** Review of 40 cases by a physician holding this privilege, 8 hours of appropriate CME

**Requested** Acute leukemia induction and consolidation therapy

**Initial privileges:** Successful completion of an acceptable specialized training program of at least 6 months duration.

AND

**Recommended current experience:** Inpatient or consultative services for requested privileges, for at least 160 hours per year averaged over the prior 24 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested OR successful completion of training within the past 24 months.

**Renewal of privileges:** Inpatient or consultative services for requested privileges, for at least 160 hours per year averaged over the prior 36 months, reflective of the scope of privileges requested based on results of ongoing professional practice evaluation and outcomes.

**Return to practice:** Individualized evaluation at a mutually agreed upon academic training center within Canada that regularly trains physicians in Hematology, with supervision of procedures relevant to their intended scope of practice, as required.

### Context Specific Privileges

Context refers to the capacity of a facility to support an activity

### Context specific privileges: Administration of procedural sedation:

**Requested**

See "Hospital Policy for Sedation and Analgesia by Non-anesthesiologists."



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### Context specific privileges: Management of high grade lymphomas and marrow failure syndromes

To be considered in the context of a facility which provides hematology subspecialty on call availability year round

**Requested**

Management of high-grade non-Hodgkins lymphoma (NHL) with curative intent (e.g. Burkitt's, lymphoblastic NHL)

**Requested**

Management of aplastic anemia and marrow failure syndromes with antithymocyte globulin

For Reference Only



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### *Process for requesting privileges not included in the dictionary*

Where a member of the medical staff requests a privilege not included in the core, non-core or context specific privileges for a discipline, the following process will be followed.

1. The practitioner will request a **Change Request Form** from the Medical Affairs Office. This will be submitted to the head of department or chief of staff as part of the electronic application process
2. The practitioner will complete the privileges section of the **Change Request Form** and submit with the following information; the privilege requested, the location within the facility where the privilege would be exercised, and the relevant training and experience held by the practitioner in this area.
3. The department head or chief of staff, in consultation with the senior medical administrator and medical administrator responsible for the facility, will determine if the requested privilege can be supported at that site.
4. Where it is deemed appropriate, the practitioner, the department head or chief of staff and the senior medical administrator will agree on any additional training required, and a minimum level of activity required to maintain the privilege. The specific minimum number requirement indicating the level of experience needed to demonstrate skill to obtain clinical privileges for the requested procedure must be evidence-based. Where no supporting literature exists for a specific number, the criteria are established by the consensus of a multidisciplinary group of practitioners who do not have self-interest in creating an artificially high volume requirement.
5. Any additional training will be done in a facility that normally trains practitioners in this activity. Exceptions may be granted in circumstances where all that is required is training by a member of the medical staff who holds the privilege in question.
6. On satisfactory completion of training, the department head or chief of staff may recommend to the governing body through the medical advisory committee that the privilege be granted.

The privileging dictionaries on this site ([bcmqi.ca](http://bcmqi.ca)) are the official versions. They will be reviewed beginning in 2016. In the meantime if you have any questions or comments please contact your medical administration office or the BC MQI Office by completing the [Provincial Privileging Dictionary Feedback form](#).

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**Acknowledgment 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Department/Program Head or Leaders/Chief'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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Medical Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

