

Provincial Practitioner Credentialing and Privileging (C&P) System

Glossary

AppCentral	The software application used by practitioners to submit an appointment or reappointment application using the Internet.
Board	The governing body within a BC health authority or affiliate.
Cactus	A software system used to maintain and track credentialing information for all members of the medical staff.
Committee Manager*	The software application in Cactus which is used by designated medical leaders to facilitate review of credentialing and privileging applications <i>*Formerly known as iCommittee</i>
Context specific privileges	Privileges that take into account what medical services and procedures a facility can support.
Core privileges	Those activities that a recently graduated member of the discipline can reasonably be expected to perform.
Credentialing	Identifies the kind of medical procedures and services a practitioner is qualified for and assesses a practitioner's education, experience, training, and past and current history of practice. Credentialing informs privileging.
Criteria-based privileging	Privileging based on training and performance standards established by regulatory colleges, expectations of educational institutions, and input from guiding practitioners and governing bodies on what clinical activities are appropriate for different levels of training and experience. It provides a consistent framework to reflect on ones scope of practice.
Current experience	<p>The level of experience believed to allow a practitioner to remain skilled in an activity. Current experience thresholds in the provincial dictionaries are developed by practitioners in the field. Current experience is not a substitute for competency. It does not reflect a practitioner's ability to do something successfully or efficiently.</p> <p>The assessment of current experience may prompt a supportive conversation about how a skill will be, or is, maintained. It does not automatically disqualify the practitioner from performing the activity.</p>
Grandparenting	Guarantees that privileges held prior to implementation of the dictionary will continue to be held as long as a practitioner meets current experience and quality requirements.
Head of Department or Division	A medical staff member responsible for the operation of a department or division.
License Manager*	A module of the Cactus system that monitors updates to medical licensing information for practitioners affiliated with the professional colleges for: Physicians, Dental Surgeons, Midwives, and Nurse Practitioners. Updates are received from the Provider Location Registry, a provincial system that receives information directly from the colleges. <i>*Formerly known as the License Expiration Monitoring Module (LEMM)</i>
Licensing	A requirement under the Health Professions Act. The License is issued by

	a regulatory college and is the foundation for the other three components: credentials, privileges and performance enhancement.
Locum Tenens	A practitioner appointed to the Medical Staff for the purposes of replacing an existing Medical Staff member or a vacancy for a limited time.
MQI Office	A single management group responsible for the ongoing maintenance and enhancement of the credentialing and privileging system and provincial privileging dictionaries.
Medical Staff	Physicians, dentists, midwives or nurse practitioners that have been granted privileges by the Board to practice in the facilities and programs within a BC health authority.
Non-core privileges	Privileges for activities which are outside of the core privileges, which require further training or demonstration of skill.
Performance enhancement	A framework for providing feedback and support relating to clinical practice approach and outcomes. Performance enhancement has both quality assurance and quality improvement functions.
Practitioner	A physician, dentist, midwife or nurse practitioner who is a member of the medical staff of a BC health authority and is a duly qualified licensee in good standing with their regulatory college.
Privileges	Are defined as site-specific permissions to engage in a clinical activity. See also <i>the types of privilege</i> : core, context specific, non-core, temporary
Privileging	The granting of facility-specific permits to practice clinical activities. The Hospital Act Regulation requires it. The BC health authorities and affiliates are responsible for credentialing and privileging practitioners.
Provider	A term used by Cactus software to refer to a practitioner.
Provincial dictionary or privilege dictionary	A document that provides a common language for communicating individual practitioners' scope of practice. It defines clinical activities within each medical staff discipline and associated qualifications to perform the activities. Medical staff members complete a provincial dictionary to apply for privileges at health authority facilities and programs. See also: supplementary privilege dictionary
Return to practice	Refers to instances where a practitioner has formerly held the privileges, but has been absent from practice or otherwise does not meet current experience criteria. The criteria for <i>return to practice</i> are recommendations on what is required to regain privileges /to resume the associated practice.
Supplementary privilege dictionary	Used in conjunction with a provincial dictionary, a supplementary dictionary defines clinical activities that a qualified practitioner may request in addition to the privileges in their core discipline.
Temporary privilege	A privilege granted to a member of the medical staff for a specified period of time in order that he/she may provide a specific service.
Threshold	The minimum volume of patient encounters, cases, procedures, or minimum length of time practicing the core privileges.