



# NEWS BULLETIN

BC MQI - BC Medical Quality Initiative

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## What is BC MQI?

Most of the items arising from the Cochrane Report and formerly handled through PQASC are now in a new single operating framework called **BC Medical Quality Initiative (BC MQI)**.

BC MQI --

- supports the transition from the design and developmental work accomplished over the last few years into an operational and sustainable structure;
- is designed to provide coherent oversight and direction while allowing individual components such as CACTUS to move forward to delivery;
- provides common advisory and stakeholder consultation mechanisms; and
- is consultative and inclusive with mechanisms to respond to medical staff concerns about developments, e.g. privileging dictionaries and health authority concerns, e.g. CACTUS.

Dr. Martin Wale is BC MQI's medical lead and Georgene Miller is the administrative lead. Dr. Tom Ward continues to be involved as an advisor on work relating to the CACTUS system.

## BC MQI Committee Structure

BC MQI includes three working groups:

- 1. a quality assurance group** with representation from all the health authorities and the colleges which have a regulatory role with respect to medical staff (physicians, dental surgeons,

midwives and nurse practitioners)

- 2. a medical quality improvement group** with broad representation that coordinates physician issues focused on practice enhancement and professional development

- 3. a multi-professional quality improvement group** with representation from the professional associations of dentistry, midwives, nurse practitioners, podiatry and several participating physicians from the medical group

The three groups come together periodically in the **Medical Quality Oversight Committee** to identify gaps, share successes and strategies, and address opportunities and barriers that fall between organizational boundaries.

## Update on CACTUS Software

The Provincial Practitioner Credentialing and Privileging (C&P) Project is rolling out Phase 2 in late November 2015. This phase includes the implementation of AppCentral (an online system for medical practitioners to submit their appointment and reappointment applications) and the Provincial Privileging Dictionaries.

A number of overview demonstrations and videos will be delivered to help explain the system and changes that will impact practitioners. The videos can be found [www.bcmqi.ca](http://www.bcmqi.ca) under Resource Centre

## Website Changes

An interim website ([www.bcmqi.ca](http://www.bcmqi.ca)) is now available where you can find current information about various BC MQI activities including the Provincial Privileging Dictionaries. This interim site replaces [www.gaframework.ca](http://www.gaframework.ca) and will be live over the next few months while a more comprehensive and permanent site is built.