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Reappointments and appointments

In late November 2015 physicians and other medical staff in all health authorities will be introduced to a new online system for reappointments and appointments to medical staff. The Provincial Practitioner Credentialing and Privileging (CACTUS Software), enables medical staff to complete their reappointment process in one spot and streamlines approval. Information videos about CACTUS can be found on bcmqi.ca. System demonstration sessions are scheduled over the next few weeks. Please [check our website](#) on how to register. Medical affairs offices in each health authority can address questions about CACTUS or contact bcmqi@phsa.ca.

Provincial privileging dictionaries

Also being introduced through CACTUS are 62 Provincial Privileging Dictionaries. These dictionaries were developed over the last three years by more than 300 medical professionals from across BC and subject matter experts from various organizations. Until reviews begin in 2016 the dictionaries will be “frozen” and remain unchanged during the implementation of CACTUS. Processes are being established to document required changes and the

priority for these changes. The Medical Quality Oversight Committee (MQOC) will approve prioritization criteria. Health Authority medical affairs offices can address any questions or concerns. The first round of use of the dictionaries may raise points for discussion and areas for focus, but we do not envisage any practitioner having to change their practice as a result of the 2016 review process. The dictionaries can be viewed at bcmqi.ca.

Security and personal information

The first time a physician or other medical practitioner applies for reappointment, the CACTUS system will save and pre-populate information for future re-appointment and appointment. Core information (name, license details, CMPA membership, and references) will be viewable across all BC health authorities. Other information, such as that relating to Department, is specific to the health authority awarding privileges. This has been done to facilitate the process for those applying for privileges in more than one health authority, and save duplicate data entry. This use is covered under Sections 33.1(1)(e)-(i) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

There is a stringent Security Access Model that governs who can access CACTUS data, for what purposes, and under what circumstances. Requests for further information about personal information and data security can be addressed to Bev Mitchell at bcmqi@phsa.ca