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Supportive Use of 62 Privileging Dictionaries

The new provincial privileging dictionaries play an important role in helping medical practitioners remain current and providing assurance to the public and health authorities on quality. The dictionaries outline minimum levels of experience (typically expressed in hours or number of cases) for a practitioner to be considered skilled in a given activity. **Where meeting current experience criteria proves problematic, this will not result in an automatic loss of privileges.** They also provide a framework for an exploratory conversation with a medical leader about how experience can be acquired, what professional development should be sought, and what other support might be helpful. Sometimes, in the case of services provided, these conversations can guide health authorities with their resource allocations.

Reminder: All provincial privileging dictionaries are posted for reference on www.bcmqi.ca. Any member of the medical staff can request a review or change by

completing the Privileging Dictionary Change Request form and email it to bcmqi@phsa.ca

New Medical Resource

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Lawrence Halparin is consulting with BC MQI as a physician resource to assist with questions relating to the privileging dictionaries.

Privileging Dictionary Task Group-Review and Refresh Process

A new task group has been established to replace the former Privileging Dictionary Steering Committee. The task group is chaired by Dr. Becky Temple (Northern Health) and includes previous co-chairs from the privileging panels and representatives from the BC MQI working groups. The task group will make recommendations to the Medical Quality Oversight Committee on key components of the framework for review and refresh of the privileging dictionaries. They will complete their work by April 30, 2016. The objectives of this group include:

- establishing criteria for prioritizing the current 62 dictionaries for 'waves' of review and refresh;
- establishing rationale and criteria for method of review and refresh;
- identifying requirements for development of new dictionaries;
- confirming the pathway and escalation processes for areas of sensitivity and high risk impact;
- identifying resource requirements and



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recurring funding to support review and refresh activity;

- suggesting processes to support the BC MQI Office in responding to and managing emerging dictionary issues;
- establishing appeal and dispute resolution processes; and
- supporting the communications strategy by identifying key messages to communicate to medical staff relating to the dictionaries.

Credentialing and Privileging Update

The technical rollout of Phase 2 (AppCentral) is now complete. Implementation dates will vary throughout the province, but some health authorities have already begun to use the new system for reappointments. As with any new system things are not perfect and further work is required as we continue to transform our approach to credentialing and privileging in BC. Need more information or resources? Visit www.bcmqi.ca/credentialing-privileging-system

Work on the next module, iCommittee, continues. iCommittee is the online system for health authorities to manage and track the credentialing and privileging review and approval process. Reviewers, e.g. medical leaders, will be able to view a practitioner's application and make a recommendation.

Benefits include:

- quick and easy access to identify the status of a practitioner's application
- application comments, recommendations and decisions all in one central place

For more information about iCommittee see the new video for reviewers posted on www.bcmqi.ca

BC PSQC's new Clinician Quality Academy

In other quality news—the BC Patient Safety & Quality Council has launched a new professional development program for physicians and other clinicians interested in building the knowledge, skills and confidence to lead improvement initiatives in health care. To register or for program details, visit <https://bcpsqc.ca/learning/clinician-quality-academy/>

BC MQI Backgrounder

A short backgrounder on the development of BC MQI, its governance structure and committees is now posted on the BC MQI website. This backgrounder is intended to give a comprehensive overview on the work and direction of BC MQI. It will be updated as required and can be found on www.bcmqi.ca

BC MQI Word mark

Over the next few weeks the BC MQI resources will be wearing a new, fresh look. Soon when you see our new word mark you will know that you are getting information from BC MQI.

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Have questions or comments? Please send them to us at bcmqi@phsa.ca

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