

New module in CACTUS reduces practitioner paperwork

License documents no longer required for reappointments

Effective immediately, a new module in the provincial Credentialing and Privileging (C&P) system (CACTUS software) will reduce document requirements for practitioners in reappointment. The License Expiry Monitoring Module (LEMM) monitors the status of practitioner licenses, as provided from the professional colleges for physicians, nurse practitioners, midwives and dental surgeons. The LEMM allows health authorities to verify licenses electronically, eliminating the need for practitioners to submit license documents.

Advisory committee in place for dictionary refresh project

Among the recommendations of the 2016 Privileging Dictionary Task Group report was that an advisory committee be formed "to continue providing direction and to respond to urgent privileging dictionary issues" over the planned review and refresh work.

That committee is in place and includes representatives from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC, Doctors of BC, BC Medical Quality Initiative and six health authorities. The committee will meet on an ad-hoc basis to oversee the review processes, to support the development of any new dictionaries as may be required, and to address any emerging issues that cannot be resolved at a local level or by the review panels themselves. The ongoing need for an advisory committee will be reviewed annually.

BC PSQC's Quality Forum is almost here

The BC Patient Safety and Quality Council will host their annual Quality Forum this March 1-3. The Forum features presentations and interactive workshops on a variety of topics related to improving quality across the continuum of care. Each year, the Quality Forum presents many opportunities to learn, be inspired and network with others interested in improving health care in British Columbia. This event is almost sold out, so don't delay if you plan to register. Attendees are warmly invited to stop by in between sessions and connect with us at the BC MQI exhibitor's table.

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Dictionary refresh update

Reviews in progress

Three panels have commenced this past month, launching review of the privileging dictionaries for General Surgery, Anesthesiology, and Hematological Pathology and Transfusion Medicine. Following the initial panel meeting, each revised dictionary is to be circulated among peer groups for broad consultation and feedback. Dictionaries now in the consultative phase of review include the three just launched, along with general pathology and anatomical pathology.

Next up for review

Privileging dictionary review panels are either booked or being built for:

- Diagnostic Imaging
- Midwifery
- Nurse Practitioners

Learn more about the review process or how to provide input on a dictionary at: <http://bcmqi.ca/privileging-dictionaries/privileging-dictionary-review-process/>

Practitioners are encouraged to direct questions or concerns about AppCentral or the provincial privileging dictionaries to their medical leaders or local medical administration office.

The BC Medical Quality Initiative (BC MQI) brings health care partners together to develop ways to improve the quality of medical care for people living in BC.