

Provincial radiology review is complete

Ministry developing an action plan in response to the report recommendations.

Earlier this year, following concerns about the quality of work performed by a radiologist who worked in several communities throughout the province, the Ministry of Health and health authorities undertook reviews of radiology in British Columbia.

For the provincial review, the Ministry of Health commissioned BC MQI's Dr. Martin Wale to examine the factors that led to this incident as well as progress made on the recommendations from the 2011 Cochrane review.

Among the findings of the recently completed review are:

- This incident was different than those that triggered the 2011 review. A key issue in this instance was the lack of continuity for management of locum practitioners over time and across jurisdictions in the province.
- Work has been done to improve and standardize licensing, credentialing and privileging of radiologists – all focuses of the Cochrane review. Of the Cochrane recommendations, 22 of the 35 are complete or mostly complete, eight are underway, and five are not done.

Dr. Wale provides 20 recommendations, which range from strengthening the reference-check process for locums to standardizing additional training required of physicians as a condition of receiving privileges. In addition, he has recommended the Radiology Quality Improvement System—intended to be a key response to the Cochrane recommendations—be fully implemented and leveraged across the health system to support individuals in their practice and overall quality improvement.

All recommendations are widely supported by British Columbia's medical leadership. The ministry is developing an action plan that will address both the Wale recommendations and bring to completion the Cochrane recommendations.

To read the provincial radiology review, click here:



<http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/library/publications/year/2017/investigation-into-quality-incidents-and-peer-review-in-radiology-in-BC-2011-17.pdf>

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Eight more dictionary review panels wrapped up recently, and have signed off on revisions to their respective dictionaries for: anatomical pathology, the three Family Practice dictionaries (general practice, enhanced surgical skills, and anesthesia), general pathology, hospital medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and plastic surgery.

Reviews in progress

New panels launched in October for both dermatology and urology. They join panel work already in progress for anesthesiology, critical care, diagnostic imaging, emergency medicine, general internal medicine, and psychiatry dictionaries. Sub-panel work also continues for acute stroke endovascular treatment, procedural pain management, and clinical practitioners in oncology.

Next up

Review panels starting in November:

- Gastroenterology
- Gastroenterology Pediatrics
- Orthopedic Surgery

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