

First batch of revised dictionaries updated in Cactus

As of January 5, five revised provincial dictionaries will be available in Cactus for appointment and renewal processes. These five dictionaries have undergone review and revision by a panel of subject-matter experts, in a broadly consultative process.

For all the dictionaries listed below, practitioners should read their revised dictionary carefully when next applying for privileges, to ensure familiarity with the privileges and related requirements.

Depending on the scope of the changes (whether significant or more limited), practitioners undergoing reappointment may be required to select and request privileges from their discipline dictionary as though for the first time.

Limited changes

Practitioner renewal applications will prepopulate

- Family Practice anesthesia
- Family Practice enhanced surgical skills

Significant changes

Practitioner renewal applications will not prepopulate

- Family Medicine / General Practice
- General Surgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology

Each health authority has a unique schedule for reappointments, which means the revised dictionaries will come into effect at different times across organizations. Questions about implementation timelines should be directed to your local medical administration office.



Reference copies of the dictionaries (all effective versions) are available to view at bcmqi.ca.

New for Clinical Practitioners in Oncology

As of January 5, a new provincial dictionary for *Clinical Practitioners in Oncology* will be available in Cactus for appointment and renewal processes.

The panel agreed on the term “clinical practitioner” as appropriate to encompass all those who may have the appropriate training and experience. The panel recognized however, that this term is not meant to equate with a practitioner’s identity in their workplace or job description—as for example with GPOs, or general practitioners in oncology.

Clinical Practitioner in Oncology privileges may be sought by medical staff members who provide an expanded scope of oncology based services as part of an oncology team. If qualified, you may complete this dictionary for privileges that supplement the privileges you hold in your primary discipline. To request these privileges, you must also complete (or have completed) the dictionary for your primary discipline.

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Dictionary refresh

Several review panels wrapped up late last year, signing off on revisions to their respective dictionaries for: dermatology, emergency medicine, general internal medicine, psychiatry.

Reviews in progress

New active panels are convened for gastroenterology, orthopedic surgery and urology dictionaries. They join panel work still in progress for anesthesiology, critical care, and diagnostic imaging, as well as a sub-panel for procedural pain management.

Next up

Review panels starting soon:

- Gastroenterology Pediatrics
- Otolaryngology
- Pediatrics

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Have questions or concerns about AppCentral or the provincial privileging dictionaries? See the resources at www.bcmqi.ca, or contact your medical leader or local medical administration office.

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