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# NEWS BULLETIN

BC Health Authorities  
Provincial Practitioner Credentialing and  
Privileging System, i.e. CACTUS Software

## We are on track!

We **successfully** rolled out the first phase of the Provincial Practitioner Credentialing and Privileging (C&P) System, i.e. CACTUS Software, on April 22, 2015 to Medical Affairs staff in all BC Health Authorities (HAs). This is an important achievement which:

- provides a single, shared and secure system;
- streamlines business processes and eliminates the need for multiple systems; and
- reduces duplication and gaps in critical information.

### Next steps ...

In the next phase, the provincial privileging dictionaries will be implemented in the C&P System, and the web-based application will be implemented, to allow practitioners affiliated with a BC HA to:

- easily submit their appointment and reappointment applications online; and
- use the C&P System to select privileges.

We will continue to work collaboratively with all HAs, including engaging medical practitioners, to obtain their feedback and ensure another smooth and successful rollout.

## BC Medical Quality Initiative

The new provincial C&P System is just one of the enhancements of the broader provincial Medical Quality Initiative to improve existing safeguards for medical practice and deliver high quality medical care.

### How does this contribute to quality?

These initiatives provide:

- timely, accurate and more easily accessible credentialing and privileging information between HAs; and
- standardized, criteria-based privileging dictionaries across HAs.

### Provincial Privileging Dictionary Update:

- Further edits and changes to the dictionaries will be considered in the future review/refresh cycle anticipated to begin in 2016.
- The process for updating the dictionaries will involve seeking advice from frontline practitioners and other practitioner leaders to determine priority setting.
- In some cases there will be minor revisions, and if required, panels will be reconvened to undertake a more substantial review of the dictionaries.
- With the introduction of the new C&P System, all practitioners currently appointed to a HA will have their current privileges maintained until their next reappointment.

In the interim, please submit your questions and comments regarding the provincial privileging dictionaries to [cpsolution@phsa.ca](mailto:cpsolution@phsa.ca). The Central Coordinating Office will be tracking and sharing this information as appropriate to inform any future changes.

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