

## ***Clinical Practitioner in Oncology* – the new provincial dictionary**

### **Information for practitioners**

*Effective date: January 5, 2017*

#### **Background**

As of January 5, 2017, a new dictionary for *Clinical Practitioner in Oncology* will be implemented in the provincial credentialing and privileging system (Cactus software).

The dictionary was developed by a panel of subject-matter experts in a broadly consultative process. The panel agreed on “clinical practitioner” as the appropriate term for practitioners who have the appropriate training and experience.

#### **Key points for practitioners**

- The term *Clinical Practitioner in Oncology* is the encompassing term for medical staff members who may request or hold this privilege; it is not expected to equate to practitioner’s identity in their workplace or job description.
- *Clinical Practitioner in Oncology* is a supplemental dictionary. 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.

#### **Application of the new supplemental dictionary:**

- *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.

#### **Impact on practitioners appointed at more than one BC health authority:**

- You will need to complete the *Clinical Practitioner in Oncology* dictionary for each health authority where you wish to hold these privileges.

#### **Special notice about additional privileges:**

This section describes process changes to request “additional privileges” –please note, however, that *Clinical Practitioner in Oncology* privileges *do not* fall in this category as the dictionary can be completed by qualified practitioners from any discipline.

- Additional privileges are any privileges you may request that are not included in your discipline dictionary – that is, it is not a core, non-core, or context-specific privilege in your own discipline.
- The process to apply for additional privileges has changed; there is no longer an “additional privilege” request form required. Requests for additional privileges should now be completed in AppCentral, as part of your overall privilege request.

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#### **More information**

- Contact your local medical administration for questions on reappointment application.
- Visit [www.bcmqi.ca](http://www.bcmqi.ca) to view the provincial dictionaries or to provide input on the content of your practice dictionary.