

## ***Family Practice Enhanced Surgical Skills – Revisions to the provincial dictionary***

### **Information for practitioners**

*Effective date: January 5, 2017*

#### **Background**

As of January 5, 2017, a revised version of the *Family Practice Enhanced Surgical Skills* provincial dictionary will be implemented in the provincial credentialing and privileging system (Cactus software).

Changes to the dictionary were developed by a panel of subject-matter experts, as part of a content review of all provincial dictionaries. Revisions are unique to each dictionary but changes may include:

- Privileges may have moved to/from the core or non-core categories.
- Privileges may have been added or removed from the dictionary.
- Training and experience requirements may have changed.

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

##### **Impact on reappointments:**

- As changes to the *Family Practice Enhanced Surgical Skills* dictionary are limited, reappointment applications will be prepopulated with privileges previously requested from this dictionary.
- While the revisions to the *Family Practice Enhanced Surgical Skills* dictionary are limited, you should read the revised dictionary content carefully when you next apply for privileges, to ensure you become familiar with all the privileges and related requirements.

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

- Each health authority has a unique schedule to implement the revised dictionary. This means that you may refer to the revised dictionary at one health authority, while still using the previous dictionary at another. Over time, all health authorities will align to the revised dictionary.

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

- 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.

