

General Surgery – Revisions to the provincial dictionary

Information for practitioners

Effective date: January 5, 2017

Background

As of January 5, 2017, a revised version of the *General Surgery* 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 been 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

- The changes to the *General Surgery* provincial dictionary are significant. This means you should read your dictionary carefully when you next apply for privileges.

Impact on reappointments:

- Due to the scope of changes to the *General Surgery* dictionary, reappointment applications will not be prepopulated with privileges previously requested from this dictionary.
- On first use of the revised dictionary, you will need to review the dictionary in full and identify the privileges you are requesting.

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.
- Upon reappointment(s), you will need to complete the revised *General Surgery* dictionary for each health authority where you wish to hold these privileges.

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.

More information

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