

Call for Feedback on the VCH Medical Staff Rules

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The Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee (HAMAC) launched the HAMAC Governance Subcommittee in August. This subcommittee was tasked with reviewing and updating the VCH Medical Staff Rules (“Rules”) to ensure they remain relevant, efficient and aligned with organizational goals. As part of this work, and in alignment with HAMAC’s commitment to transparency and inclusivity, **we are looking for your feedback on how the Rules have affected you and your practice.**

Why do the Rules need updating?

The aim of the Rules is to provide clarity on VCH roles, responsibilities and process to ensure we provide safe and quality patient care. They serve as practical tools that help us do our job as medical staff; to ensure clarity and fairness to support excellence in care. When we understand and use the Rules, we create a strong, safe and respectful medical community.

The current edition of the Rules came into effect in August 2018. Since then, VCH has evolved as an organization, and the rules have not kept pace. As part of the groundwork for this committee, HAMAC, Medical Affairs and Legal, in consultation with your medical leaders, have identified a few key areas for update. These include *governance framework, credentialing and privileging, disciplinary processes, medical staff succession planning, transitions of care, and health records documentation standards.*

We are seeking your insights to ensure that the rules continue to meet the needs of our medical community and support high standards of care.

How are we updating the Rules?

The Governance Subcommittee is taking an iterative approach to updating the rules, with a shorter cycle length between updates. Each revision will focus on specific sections of the rules.

In this first iteration we will focus on Article 1 (Definitions), 3 (Membership and Appointment) and 4 (Appointment and Review Procedures). Your feedback is crucial to help shape these sections and prioritize areas for revision in future iterations.

How to Provide Feedback

Your feedback ensures the Rules reflect evolving needs of clinical and operational practice. Please reflect on your own experience with the Rules and provide feedback through the [online form](#) by **December 19, 2025**.

- Review the [VCH Medical Staff Rules](#).
- Submit your feedback through the [online form](#).

For questions or assistance, please contact us at HAMACChair@vch.ca.

