

Health System Funding Reform

Memorandum #15: December 31, 2013

Re: Quality-Based Procedure (QBP) Clinical Handbooks Update

On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the ministry), we are pleased to provide you with updated Quality-Based Procedure (QBP) Clinical Handbooks (Handbooks). The Handbooks have been developed in collaboration with our agency partners and Clinical Expert Advisory Groups (Advisory Groups).

The ministry is committed to providing the field with Handbooks that reflect current best practice evidence to ensure everyone receives the best quality of care, no matter where they live in Ontario. The agencies in collaboration with the Advisory Groups have made changes as part of the continuing process to improve and keep the Handbooks current, and to update the inclusion criteria for the patient cohorts. As part of the original commitment, the agencies will review and update the Handbooks up to two times per year, as applicable, for the initial two years.

As per Memorandums #3, 4 and 11, eleven (11) Handbooks have been released to date. Among these, updates have been made to the following Handbooks:

| QBP Roll-out Year | QBP Name | Update Details |
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| FY 2012/13 | Cataract | Add Section 3: QBP Cataract Definition; Section 3 moved to Section 4; and Add Appendix 3: Definition of Cataract Cohorts for each Clinical Pathway |
| FY 2013/14 | GI Endoscopy | Update to Section 12.0 – GI Endoscopy In-Scope Activity |
| | Elective Repair of Lower Extremity Occlusive Disease | Update to Intervention Code |
| | Elective Aortic Aneurysm Repair | Update to MRDx Codes and Principal Tx Codes |
| | Non-Cardiac Vascular Technical Notes | Updates to Appendices A & B; addition of Intervention Codes |
| | Stroke | Updates to Module 5: Admission to Inpatient Rehabilitation |

At this time, there are no changes to the remaining Handbooks. In addition to the updates, and further to Memorandum #14, Hip Fracture has been identified as a QBP targeted for roll-out in FY 2014/15. The Hip Fracture Advisory Group completed its deliberations in Spring 2013 and has compiled the patient inclusion/exclusion criteria and recommended best practices in the Hip Fracture Clinical Handbook.

Please note that the Handbooks have been prepared for informational purposes only. They do not mandate health care providers to provide services in accordance with the recommendations included herein. The recommendations included in the documents are not intended to take the place of the professional skill and judgment of health care providers.

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We appreciate the clinical expertise, time commitment and effort of our agency partners and the Advisory Groups in guiding the development and implementation of the QBPs. These partnerships are invaluable as we work collectively to transform our health care system into one that will deliver higher quality care and will meet the needs of current and future generations of Ontarians.

To Access the Updated Clinical Handbooks or For Additional Information

The Clinical Handbooks are available on the ministry's website at www.hsimi.on.ca. Please select "Health System Funding Reform" at the left pane and scroll down to the "Quality-Based Procedures" section. A username and password is required for the private website. New users can create an account by clicking on "Create new account" from the main homepage.

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References:

1. Updated Clinical Handbook for Cataract
2. Updated Clinical Handbook for GI Endoscopy
3. Updated Clinical Handbook for Elective Repair of Lower Extremity Occlusive Disease
4. Updated Clinical Handbook for Elective Aortic Aneurysm Repair
5. Updated Non-Cardiac Vascular Technical Notes
6. Updated Clinical Handbook for Stroke
7. Clinical Handbook for Hip Fracture
8. Hip Fracture Rapid Review Appendix