



Provincial Health Services Authority

# MOST RESPONSIBLE PHYSICIAN/ONCOLOGY LIFETIME PROVIDER POLICY

## Summary of Changes

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BC Cancer	<p>16-MAR-2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Format – and update with Cerner information and References</li><li>• New Title</li><li>• Re-organization of content</li><li>• Cerner content</li><li>• Cerner terminology (Lifetime Provider)</li></ul>	<p>Nov 3, 2003 – updated with new BCC logo in 2018</p> <p>Old Title: Most Responsible Physician</p>

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Purpose

The role of the [Most Responsible Physician \(MRP\)](#) or [Oncology Lifetime Provider \(OLP\)](#) in CST Cerner is to ensure ongoing quality of care. The MRP/OLP is the physician responsible for the care of a patient; the MRP/OLP may not necessarily be the only physician involved in the care.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to physicians about responsibilities associated with being the Most Responsible Physician (MRP) /Oncology Lifetime Provider (OLP) in CST-Cerner.

### 1.2. Scope

This policy pertains to the Most Responsible Physician (MRP) known as Oncology Lifetime Provider (OLP) in CST-Cerner.

The MRP / OLP will have active medical staff status as defined in the BC Cancer Professional Staff By-laws. This excludes clinical associates and nurse practitioners.

### 1.3. Exceptions

This excludes clinical associates and nurse practitioners.

## 2. Policy

### 2.1. Declaration of Accepting Responsibility as MRP/OLP

In order to ensure timely and appropriate quality of patient care, all fully admitted BC Cancer patients will be placed under the care of MRP/OLP). The MRP/OLP is a member of the BC Cancer medical/dental staff, unless otherwise granted privileges by the Board of Directors.

The MRP / OLP will be assigned at the time of the initial oncology consultation. At the time of the MRP's first initial consultation with the patient, the MRP will write an order. Writing this order constitutes that the MRP accepts responsibility as the MRP/OLP.

### 2.2. CST Cerner

In CST-Cerner, physicians receive clinical results and reports ordered by, addressed to, or copied to them. Clinical results and documents faxed/scanned to CST-Cerner will be routed to the OLP or to the BCC consultant named on the patient record if the OLP has not been entered on the patient record.

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## 3. Responsibilities and Compliance

### 3.1. Responsibilities

#### **Most Responsible Physician/Oncology Lifetime Provider:**

The MRP / OLP is responsible for [Medical Care](#) and treatment of the patient until patient discharge when the care of the patient is transferred to the responsible physician in the community

The MRP / OLP is responsible for receiving, signing and taking appropriate action on clinical results received where he/she is identified as the MRP / OLP.

The Internal transfer of patient care and acceptance of internal transfer of care will be documented. The MRP / OLP is responsible for discharging the care of a patient to the responsible physician in the community.

For patients followed in a consultative clinic, the MRP / OLP is responsible for discharging the care of a patient to the responsible physician in the community. The physician covering the Community Oncology Clinic is considered a consultant and is responsible for receiving, signing and taking appropriate action on clinical results received where he/she is identified as the requisitioning physician.

#### **Requisitioned Physician and MRP/OLP-Dual Responsibility:**

When the physician who requisitioned is different from the MRP/OLP, the requisitioning physician will be responsible for receiving, signing and taking appropriate action on clinical results received. The MRP will also receive the clinical results, sign and take action when the requisitioning physician has not.

### 3.2. Compliance

Audits will occur so that this policy is adhered to.

## 4. Related Documents

[PHSA Medical Staff Rules](#)

## 5. Definitions

**Medical Care:** Defined as care and treatment provided by a member of the BC Cancer medical/dental staff.

**Most Responsible Physician/ Oncology Lifetime Provider (Cerner):** The physician responsible for the care of a patient; the MRP/OLP may not necessarily be the only physician involved in the care.

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