

Health Information Privacy Committee

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Mandate:

The Health Information Privacy Committee has been established in accordance with *The Personal Health Information Act* of Manitoba. The Committee is responsible for approving health research projects that use personal health information held by a government department or agency.

Responsibilities:

To approve health research projects that use personal health information held by a government department or government agency. Personal health information is information about an identifiable individual that relates to their health, health care history or payment for health care.

The Committee will review requests for access to personal health information for research purposes to determine whether the importance of the research outweighs the intrusion into privacy and whether adequate safeguards are in place to protect the confidentiality of the information.

Individuals have the right of protection against unauthorized use, disclosure, or destruction of personal health information by trustees. Authorized use by a health researcher requires that this Committee has determined that the researcher has met all conditions required to be given approval. (PHIA sec 2(d), 24(1), 24(3))

Membership:

(8 Members)

Section 59 requires the Minister of Health, Seniors and Active Living to establish the committee in accordance with the regulations. It also requires at least ¼ of the members of the committee to be public representatives who are not health professionals or persons who conduct health research or employees of government. The committee must consist of at least one representative from nominations received from each of the following:

- Council of Chairs of the Regional Health Authorities
- The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba
- Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses
- The Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association
- The University of Manitoba
- Manitoba Health Information Management Association

Length of Terms:

3 years – 2 terms or 6 years

Desirable Expertise:

Must not be health professional or person who conduct health research, or employees of government. Require understandings of health data/information, research processes, and privacy issues.

It is imperative that the public representative be comfortable advocating in the public interest.

Time commitment:

Meetings are held in every 5-6 weeks intervals except in the months of July and August.

Meetings:

Meetings are held in Winnipeg.

Remuneration:

Chair: \$191.00 per meeting up to 3 ½ hours; \$336.00 per meeting over 3 ½ hours

Eligible Members: \$109.00 per meeting up to 3 ½ hours; \$192.00 per meeting over 3 ½ hours

Eligible Physicians: As per sessional rates for medical practitioners