
Health Information Privacy Committee

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- (1) Council of Chairs of the Regional Health Authorities Representative
- (2) The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba Representative
- (3) Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses Representative
- (4) The Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association Representative
- (5) The University of Manitoba Representative
- (6) Manitoba Health Information Management Association Representative

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.

Authority:

[Personal Health Information Act](#) and [Personal Health Information Regulations](#)

Responsibilities:

The Committee is responsible 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:

The committee is composed of 8 members in accordance with the regulations, the Minister responsible for Health, Seniors and Active living is responsible to appoint members by Ministerial Letter.

At least 25% 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:

Members can be appointed up to 3 years for 2 terms or 6 years max.

Desirable Expertise:

Must not be health professional or person who conducts 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.

Meetings:

Frequency: Every 5 – 6 weeks except in July and August.

Location: Winnipeg

Remuneration:

Chair: \$191.00 per half day; \$336.00 per diem

Eligible Members: \$109.00 per half day; \$192.00 per diem

Eligible Physicians: As per sessional rates for medical practitioners