



minc implementation scoreboard

British Columbia	in progress
Alberta	implemented
Saskatchewan	implemented
Manitoba	implemented
Ontario	scheduled for fall 2006
Quebec	scheduled for summer 2006
New Brunswick	not yet begun
Nova Scotia	implemented
Prince Edward Island	in progress
Newfoundland	implemented
Yukon	not yet begun
NWT	not yet begun
Medical Council of Canada	implemented

privacy impact assessment completed

MINC has completed its Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). As discussed in previous editions of MINC*Link, this is a document which details the mechanisms by which the materials, documentation and operation of MINC complies with the requirements of applicable privacy legislation in Canada. The research and writing of this keystone document was performed by Ms. Carole Lucock, a noted Ottawa-based privacy lawyer.

Completion of the PIA also meant revisions to the MINC consent form, the Licensed User agreement, and the MINC Privacy Code, and the MINC Program Description. All of these documents have been approved by the MINC Board, and are available on the MINC website at www.minc-nimc.ca.

The PIA itself will also soon be posted on the MINC website; in the meantime it is available on request to Mr. John Swiniarski, Executive Director, at the MINC contact information listed on this newsletter.

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MINC is the Medical Identification Number for Canada (Numéro d'identification médicale du Canada), a system developed to provide reliable lifetime identification for every individual in the Canadian medical education and practice systems. The MINC system is operated by MINC#NIMC, a not-for-profit national corporation. The Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FM-RAC) and the Medical Council of Canada (MCC) are its co-owners.

MINC numbers will be issued to all individuals at the time of first entry to any aspect of the Canadian medical education or practice systems. Once assigned, MINC numbers remain unchanged throughout the individual's entire medical career.

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licensed users joining minc

At this writing there are three Licensed Users of the MINC numbering system, one other has made a verbal commitment, and other organizations are evaluating how MINC would operate in their environment.

The three Licensed Users so far are:

- Alberta Medical Association
- Saskatoon Health Authority
- CAPER

We welcome them, and invite others who wish to link or exchange information with any of these three to contact the MINC office to find out how you too can join the MINC club!

minc board approves 2006-07 fee schedule for licensed users

	Type of Organization	Initial 3-Year Term	Subsequent Annual Terms
Tier 1	Universities Organizations within PEI or Territories	\$1,500	\$600
Tier 2	Provincial organizations within: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saskatchewan • New Brunswick • Manitoba • Nova Scotia • Nova Scotia • Newfoundland & Labrador 	\$3,000	\$1,200
Tier 3	National educational organizations Provincial organizations within: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • British Columbia • Alberta 	\$6,000	\$2,400
Tier 4	Provincial organizations within: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario • Quebec 	\$12,000	\$4,800
Tier 5	National organizations	\$15,000	\$6,000

If you have a question about the MINC system, e-mail info@minc-nimc.ca

minc FAQs

Q: My organization has a physician database, but we already have a unique physician identifier. How would MINC numbers help us?

A: Almost all organizations which have physician databases use a unique physician identifier – some generate their own number (certificate, license, billing, member, etc.). These numbers work fine for their purpose, but most of these numbers are not recognized or interchangeable with any other organizations. The result is that when organizations try to match individuals, or link information held by two organizations for the same individual, there is no mechanism (other than current name) to do that linkage. The result is a tedious and error-prone matching which may have to be redone each time.

The MINC number provides a key by which any organization (which becomes a Licensed User) can match or link information with any other Licensed User in a highly reliable manner. And this linkage can be replicated at any time, even if physician information such as name, specialty, location or status may have changed. The unique lifetime identification provided by the MINC number remains a reliable key.



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