



## cmpa the latest licensed user of minc

The Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA) has become the latest Licensed User of the MINC system.

The vast majority of physicians in Canada are members of the CMPA, a professional liability self-defense organization. Having members in all provinces and territories (and many members who hold licences in more than one jurisdiction) makes reliable management of its physician database critical. And since most CMPA members benefit from having their fees rebated or paid by medical associations or government Medicare agencies, keeping this billing reconciliation process functioning smoothly adds to the challenge.

That's where the CMPA expects that using a nationally-recognized lifetime unique identifier like the MINC number will really add value. By enabling the CMPA to link its membership billing information with that of the agency which will pay or reimburse the members' fee payments, this function can occur more smoothly, with less human intervention and less chance of error.

## minc users' workshop being planned

A workshop designed for current and prospective users of the MINC system is being planned for later this year, likely early December in Ottawa.

Numerous organizations that have recently become, or are expressing interest in becoming, Licensed Users of MINC have informed us that they wish to discuss how to best use MINC numbers to link or exchange information with other Licensed Users. Now that MINC numbers are available as the common currency for information exchange, the issue of data standards and consistent processes becomes important. The workshop will be designed to bring users together so that these standards and protocols can be worked out as a collaborative exercise.

Organizations that would be interested in participating in this Users' Workshop should contact John Swiniarski, Executive Director, at the MINC e-mail address noted on the second page.

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## about minc ...

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 (with consent) 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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## minc FAQs

**Q:** I'm a physician who is applying for a licence in another province. That College's application form asks for my MINC number. Can you tell me what my MINC number is?

**A:** We think it is important that communication remain between a physician and their College (or MCC), and we prefer that physicians contact their College (or MCC) if they have questions about MINC numbers.

If a physician has already been issued a MINC number, he/she would have received a letter from the College (or MCC) that arranged to have a number issued for him/her. That document identifies the core personal information that he/she provided to MINC#NIMC to enable a MINC number to be created, displays the MINC number that was created for him/her, and includes a brochure that describes the MINC system and how the number will be used.

When MINC#NIMC gets a physician calling with the above question, we a) refer them back to the College (or MCC) that got them their MINC number, or b) advise them to leave the field blank. The College to which he/she is applying will send his/her core information in to MINC#NIMC, and, if a number has previously been created, we will provide that number back to the College. This way there can be no error or confusion about the physician's MINC number.

If you have a question about the MINC system, e-mail [info@minc-nimc.ca](mailto:info@minc-nimc.ca)

## minc implementation scoreboard

British Columbia	in progress
Alberta	implemented
Saskatchewan	implemented
Manitoba	implemented
Ontario	scheduled for winter 2006-07
Quebec	scheduled for summer 2007
New Brunswick	not yet begun
Nova Scotia	implemented
Prince Edward Island	in progress
Newfoundland	implemented
Medical Council of Canada	implemented
Yukon	not yet begun
NWT	not yet begun

## minc licensed users

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