



minc workshop for licensed users

MINC#NIMC will be hosting a workshop for those organizations that:

- are currently Licensed Users of MINC,
- are planning to become Licensed Users, or
- are evaluating the benefits of becoming a Licensed User

This one-day event will be held in **Ottawa, Ontario on Monday, January 29, 2007**, at the offices of the Canadian Medical Association.

Objectives for the day will include:

- familiarizing participants with the purpose and history of MINC#NIMC
- exploring explore how some current Licensed Users are using, or expect to use, MINC numbers to enhance their business processes
- clarifying the mechanisms for Licensed Users to connect to MINC#NIMC and download MINC numbers for their physicians
- identifying mechanisms and standards for Licensed Users to match or exchange information with each other by using the MINC number
- resolving privacy-related issues surrounding the matching or exchange of information and the use of MINC numbers

This workshop will be of interest to a wide spectrum of staff from interested organizations – CEOs, Chief Operating Officers, membership directors, database administrators, etc.

Space is limited, so contact the MINC office at the e-mail address noted below to register today!

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

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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 (FMRAC) 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 presentation to the IAMRA

The International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) hosted an international conference in Wellington, New Zealand on November 11-14, 2006 and MINC was there.

In a presentation entitled "Implementation of a National Physician Identifier: MINC's Success in Canada", Mr. John Swiniarski described the implementation in seven jurisdictions (to date) in Canada, and the growing interest and enlistment of Licensed Users.

minc FAQs

Q: I'm a physician who already has too many numbers to remember. Why do I need a MINC number as well?

A: You're quite right, most physicians already have a College registration number, an LMCC number, an RCPSC or CFPC number, a medical association membership number, a billing number, a Regional or hospital privileges number, a CMPA number, etc.

Each number has a unique purpose, used by the issuing organization to manage its database or to reflect a membership, credential, privilege or status. The MINC number is different, as **its only purpose is to confirm the identity of the individual**. While other numbers may change over time with a physician's changing location, credentials or practice circumstances, the MINC number remains constant over his/her lifetime.

This continuity is important, both to the individual physician and the organizations to which he/she belongs, to confirm identity, prevent mistaken identity, and to facilitate movement between jurisdictions.

Dr. Dale Dauphinee resigns from minc board

One of the pioneers of MINC, Dr. Dale Dauphinee, has resigned from the MINC Board of Directors. This resignation was coincident with his retirement from the Medical Council of Canada.

Dr. Dauphinee was a member of the Canadian Medical Foundation meeting in 1996 that created the concept and name of a national unique lifetime identifier for physicians. Through his support, the Medical Council of Canada and the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada created the MINC#NIMC Corporation that now operates the MINC system. He served as president of the Board from its inception until fall 2006.

The Board officially recognized Dr. Dauphinee's contributions with a presentation at the MCC annual meeting in October.

Dr. Ian Bowmer, the new CEO of the Medical Council of Canada, replaces Dr. Dauphinee on the MINC Board.

minc website now in French

The MINC website is now operational en Français at www.minc-nimc.ca/fr-default.htm. This resource will help establish MINC as a truly pan-Canadian identifier, and raise awareness of the existence and value of MINC numbers across Canada.



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