

minc users' workshops

MINC is hosting a series of workshops for Licensed Users designed to appeal not only to those organizations which currently are users, but especially for those interested in seeing how MINC numbers could benefit them.

The first workshop was held in Ottawa in January; the second in Edmonton in May. Further workshops are being organized for later this fall for Atlantic Canada, and also for Quebec.

Numerous organizations which have recently become, or are expressing interest in becoming, Licensed Users of MINC are interested in discussing how to best use MINC numbers to link or exchange information with other Licensed Users.

The workshops are designed to bring together "neighborhoods" of organizations to hear from each other how they are contemplating using MINC, what their internal processes include, and what issues might arise in the matching or exchange of information with each other.

Now that MINC numbers are available as the "common currency" for information exchange between physician databases, the issues of data standards and consistent processes and privacy policies becomes important.

For further information on upcoming workshops, please contact the MINC office; contact information is noted at bottom of page two.

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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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More questions about the MINC system? E-mail info@minc-nimc.ca.

minc implementation scoreboard

British Columbia	in progress
Alberta	implemented
Saskatchewan	implemented
Manitoba	implemented
Ontario	winter 2007-2008
Quebec	summer 2007
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

business plan set for 2007-2008

The Board of Directors of MINC#NIMC have approved a business plan for 2007-2008 which emphasizes a) implementation of MINC numbers in the remaining jurisdictions in Canada, and b) significant expansion of the circle of Licensed Users.

Major growth in the number of physicians who have been assigned MINC numbers is planned to occur this year with implementation in Quebec (beginning in July, and operational by fall) and Ontario (beginning in fall and operational by early 2008).

As well, efforts to engage more Licensed Users, primarily through a series of User Workshops, will escalate. Watch future issues of MINC*Link for more details, or contact the MINC office directly.

minc FAQs

Q: My organization is considering becoming a Licensed User of MINC. How involved will the MINC#NIMC organization be when I want to use MINC numbers to exchange my data with another Licensed User?

A: The short answer is “not at all”.

Once organizations become Licensed Users of MINC, they are each provided a download (and updates) of the MINC numbers for all of their respective members/constituents. After that, any Licensed User can use MINC numbers as the “common currency” to assist them in matching or linking physician information with any other Licensed User. MINC#NIMC is not involved in this business interaction.

Each Licensed User must sign a licensing agreement with MINC#NIMC, which includes approved purposes, confirms adherence to MINC’s Privacy Code, and agreement not to disclose MINC numbers to non-Licensed Users.

MINC#NIMC will maintain a list of all current Licensed Users, and their approved uses of MINC numbers, on its website. In addition, MINC#NIMC will advise all Licensed Users when any new Licensed User has been added to the list, or if any of the approved uses is changed.



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