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The deadline for submitting selected reference codes and the names of those attending the reference code session is Tuesday, September 15.

Dr. John Atkinson to lead October reference code session with Sections

The Commission is pleased that Dr. John Atkinson has agreed to lead the Commission's meeting with the Sections in October (biographical information on Dr. Atkinson is attached). At that meeting, each specialty's selected reference codes will be evaluated by all of the attendees. The Commission will use the results of the session to finalize the reference codes to be used by each Section in the evaluation of their own survey codes.

Dr. Atkinson is planning to contact the Chair or RVS representative of each of the participating Sections prior to the session to introduce himself and become acquainted with the participants.

Agenda for reference code session

A rough agenda for the Reference Code Session is as follows:

Saturday a.m., October 3

- Introductions; Discussion of Purpose of Session and Outcomes; Questions and Answers
- Detailed Briefing on the Process for the Evaluation of the Reference Codes; Questions and Answers

Saturday p.m., October 3

- Evaluation of Reference Codes

Sunday a.m., October 4

- Review of Evaluation of Reference Codes and Discussion of Next Steps

[July 3](#)

Location of session and other details

[May 29](#)

[April 8](#)

[March 30](#)

The session will take place in the Fountain Dining Room of the Queen Elizabeth Building, located on the west end of the CNE grounds. Maps, parking information, details about hotel reservations etc. will be sent to each attendee before the session.

[February 4](#)

Good response to time study

1997

[November 19](#)

Most elements of the Commissions's time study are now complete and the Commission is very pleased with the good overall response to the study. Analysis and validation of the data generated is now underway.

[October 23](#)

Alberta announces its own RBRVS Commission

[September 4](#)

[August 7](#)

[July 29](#)

As a result of the recent agreement negotiated between the Alberta Medical Association and the Alberta government, RBRVS Commission, very similar in mandate and structure to Ontario's, is in the process of being set up in that province. Representatives from Alberta met with the Ontario Commission last week and we anticipate and look forward to continued regular liaison.

[July 2](#)

Commission Chair to present to Federal, Provincial and Territorial Ministers' of Health Conference

Dr. John Wade has been asked to brief the gathering of Ministers of Health on the work and progress of the RBRVS Commission of Ontario. There continues to be significant interest in the work of the Commission across the country. The conference is being held in Regina next week.

Dr. John Atkinson

Dr. John Atkinson is a medical and anaesthesia graduate of Queen's and McGill Universities. For more than 30 years he practised at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, becoming Chief of Anaesthesia and Chief of Staff as well as associate professor of anaesthesia at the University of Ottawa.

In 1983, Dr. John Atkinson opened the consulting practice now known as John Atkinson Health Care Professionals, or JAHCP. The firm advises hospitals, health organizations, professional groups and government. JAHCP works with a variety of other consultants and health professionals on clinical service reviews, role and structure studies, health industry policy and economics, organizational planning and governance projects. JACHP has special knowledge of the interests of facility-based physicians and of medical staff organizations, their bylaws, human resource issues and funding arrangements. The firm has conducted business across Canada, in the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Lebanon, and Dr. Atkinson has made presentations in the U.K., the U.S. and Hungary.

Dr. Atkinson has been heavily involved with health organizations structures throughout his career. He was a member of the joint Ontario Medical Association and the Ontario Hospital Association committee on prototype bylaws and also assisted the Canadian Medical Association and Canadian Hospital Association with position statements on institutional privileges. He spent many years on the health facility committees of these organizations. Dr. Atkinson and his firm have been assisting the Provincial Health Authority of Alberta with innovative funding arrangements for physicians.

Dr. Atkinson has been an active volunteer for his profession, community, province and nation. He has contributed service to numerous committees of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, the Ontario Medical Association and the Ontario Hospital Association. He has been a trustee of two Ottawa hospitals, a member of the District Health Council of Ottawa-Carleton, and chair of the Eastern Ontario Emergency Health Services Committee. He participated in two teaching missions to the People's Republic of China. Most recently, Dr. Atkinson has been the volunteer chair of Canada's two health information organizations, the Hospital Medical Records Institute and the Canadian Institute for Health Information.