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Updates

Update # 14

September 25, 1998

2001

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Recently we've received several inquiries for information on the current status of the Time Study and the project to determine Practice Costs. The following is a summary of what's happening.

2000

[September 22](#)
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Time Study

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An independent project to gather accurate and current time data for procedural and non-procedural medical services began in May. Approximately 7,000 physicians across the province were surveyed with a response rate of 40%. This project is currently in the analysis and validation stages. The survey data is being validated against data from several outside sources including the American Medical Association, Canadian Institute for Health Information, OHIP, OMA data and hospital operating room times. An independent statistical analysis of the data is being done simultaneously and the results of these two processes will be compared.

Practice Costs

Determining appropriate and accurate practice or overhead costs for each specialty is a complex but important project. The Commission has explored methods other jurisdictions and professions have used to determine overhead costs including the US, BCMA, Manitoba Dental Association, and Australian RVS. Based on the information available and the results of a pretest of a survey form by Price Waterhouse, the Commission decided to restructure the project. To ensure that all the complexities of this issue are considered, the Commission has formed an expert panel to determine practice costs using a modelling process. The sections will play a major role in the determination of appropriate practice models at a later stage when the panel will approach each section for input on the specifics for their specialty.

1998

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Reference Code Evaluation Session October 3 & 4

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It has also come to the Commission's attention that there may be some misconceptions regarding the nature of the upcoming Reference Code Evaluation session. The evaluation session is not a political or confrontational process but a scientific process of generating data on intensity. On Saturday, the day will start with an overview and introduction to the evaluation process followed by the evaluation of intensities for service codes. Each section representative will individually evaluate each code for each of the four intensities. Then the data will be input and analyzed. The Sunday session will involve presentation of preliminary data and discussion on next steps.