



Collaborative Clinical Quality Improvement Project — Progress Report Released

THE Collaborative Clinical Quality Improvement Project between the JPPC and The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) was launched in March 1995. A Progress Report outlining the findings of Phase I, and recommendations regarding Phase II of the Project, was recently released and is available to interested hospitals and stakeholders.

The mandate of the project was to improve the quality of care provided by physicians in hospitals, through a better understanding of the process of

medical practice actually being followed in specific medical procedures. The project provided the opportunity to use data contained in references such as *"The 1994 & 1996 Practice Atlas"* from the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Practices (ICES), which demonstrated variation in a range of clinical practices across Ontario. In particular, variations in surgical rates of out-patient tonsillectomies and adnoidectomies (T/A) were identified. This follows on work in Canada for over two decades showing geographic variation in rates

of T/A surgery. These data underlie the importance of studying the factors causing this variation and examining the necessity of reducing them.

The team members for this project were drawn from several provider/- stakeholder organisations, including the Ontario Medical Association, Ontario Hospital Association, Ministry of Health, ICES, CPSO, JPPC, the Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine and the Ontario College of Family Physicians.

MIS Update

REVISIONS to the Ontario Hospital Reporting System (OHRS) User Guide will be distributed in late fall for implementation effective April 1, 1997. These are designed to:

- Specify Milestone Two reporting requirements
- Incorporate CICA Not for Profit accounting policies
- Reflect CIHI national MIS revisions
- Meet Federal reporting requirements
- Support the development of meaningful performance indicators
- Enhance data consistency and comparability
- Explain how MIS accounts are used in the funding formula
- Meet workload reporting requirements for all functional centres, including inpatient nursing, ambulatory care, pharmacy, diagnostic and therapeutic, etc.

Hospital CEO's Please Circulate this Document to:

- ☐ Trustees
- ☐ Senior Management
- ☐ Dept/Program Directors
- ☐ Medical Staff

JPPC Establishes Cardiac and Dialysis Working Groups

THE JPPC has established ad hoc Working Groups for Cardiac and Dialysis. The **mandate** of both groups is to make recommendations to the Ministry of Health regarding the level of funding for 1997/98 for cardiology procedures and end stage renal disease (dialysis), respectively.

Recommendations from both groups will be reviewed by the JPPC Hospital Funding Committee, and are expected by early November, 1996.

The Cardiac Funding Working Group is currently focusing on cardiac care definitions and costing

methodology, including information on the number of catheterization procedures, as well as the costs of these procedures. Data collected for both 1994/95 and 1995/96 are being analyzed, and will form the basis for recommendations.

The End Stage Renal Disease Funding (Dialysis) Working Group is currently assessing dialysis modalities in an attempt to develop a costing methodology. Assumptions and definitions associated with the costing methodology are also being addressed.

JPPC Funding Reform Initiatives - Regional Sessions

PLAN to attend one of the Regional Sessions focusing on JPPC Funding Reform Initiatives. Presentations by JPPC committee members and staff will include:

- an overview of the current funding environment;
- a synopsis of the relation between restructuring and funding in meeting fiscal targets for hospitals;
- proposed changes to the hospital funding formula for 1997/98; and
- current work-in-progress of JPPC committees.

The sessions will be of interest and importance to hospital CEO's, CFO's and Finance staff, MIS staff, Health Records Directors, Utilization

Management staff and DHC Executive Directors and staff. Following are a list of dates and locations:

DATE	LOCATION
November 18	Thunder Bay
November 19	Sudbury
November 22	Kingston
November 26	Toronto
November 28	London
November 29	Hamilton

For further information and registration, please contact the OHA Education and Convention Services at 416-205-1300.

Mark Your Calendar

JPPC AT THE OHA CONVENTION
(Metro Toronto Convention Centre)

Monday, November 4, 1996
9:00am - 10:30 am Room 203 B & D

Please join us at the 1996 OHA Convention as Hy Eliasoph, Executive Director presents:
Re-focusing Hospital Reform: Moving Toward Integrated Delivery Systems.

The session will include:

- an overview of current JPPC initiatives, strategic directions and vision of the future;
- insights into forces driving and shaping the evolving health care environment; and
- the changing role of hospitals within integrated delivery systems

COLLECTION OF 1995/96 MEDICAL TRAINEE DATA

The Adjustment Factors Sub-Committee has recently begun to implement this year's collection of 1995/96 retrospective medical trainee data from all Ontario hospitals (engaged in teaching activity) and medical schools. **This data will be used to re-calibrate the Adjustment Factors Model to support the 1997/98 Ministry of Health hospital funding process.**

Data submission deadlines:

October 14, 1996 - for hospitals
October 25, 1996 - medical schools
November 12, 1996 - for reconciled and verified data to be resubmitted

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