

## About BCR Guidelines/Resources

### **Purpose of provincial guidelines/resources**

BCR guidelines/resources are developed to support equitable, best practice care for patients with chronic kidney disease living in BC. The guidelines/resources promote standardized practices and are intended to assist renal programs in providing care that is reflected in quality patient outcome measurements. Based on the best information available at the time of publication, the guidelines/resources rely on evidence and avoid opinion-based statements where possible; refer to [www.bcrenalagency.ca](http://www.bcrenalagency.ca) for the most recent versions.

### **How the guidelines are developed**

The provincial guidelines/resources are developed in conjunction with representatives from each of BC's health authorities, with leadership provided by BCR. Feedback is provided throughout the development process by applicable BCR provincial committees/groups (e.g., provincial committees for each modality, discipline-specific groups, Pharmacy and Formulary Committee).

Provincial guidelines/resources are tools that can be useful for:

- health professionals in guiding their decisions; and
- health authorities in the development of local guidelines/resources.

### **Sharing of provincial guidelines/resources**

Given the level of collaboration with BC health authorities in the development of the guidelines/resources, it is expected that BC Health Authorities will adopt the provincial recommendations as is with minimal adaptations such as:

- Format: to align with health authority requirements
- Content: to fit the local practice context (e.g., change a generic product name to be specific to the product used in the health authority; change a generic role responsibility to the specific role responsible for an activity within the health authority)

Adoption of the provincial recommendations across all BC health authorities supports the evaluation of renal care across BC and the pursuit of continuous quality improvement.

### **Responsibility to advise BCR of modifications**

*Where a BC health authority makes significant modifications to a provincial guideline/resource (other than the minor adaptations listed above), it is expected that the changes and the rationale be brought forward to the relevant provincial committee for information and potential consideration in a future update of the guideline/resource.*

### **Restrictions on guideline use**

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