



Parameters of Use – Provincial Standard Home Sleep Apnea Testing (HSAT) Requisition

Dear stakeholder,

As you are aware, on June 30, 2021, the Ministry of Health, in conjunction with the Medical Service's Commission's Guidelines and Protocols Advisory Committee and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia's Diagnostic Accreditation Program, released a provincial standard requisition form for home sleep apnea testing (HSAT).

While the new provincial standard HSAT requisition has been well received and has been posted or is soon to be posted on a number of web-based platforms (e.g. Oscar EMR Service Providers, Intrahealth Profile, QHR Accuro, Telus Health EMRs, Pathways B.C.), the Ministry and the College have received several inquiries for clarification regarding the use of the provincial standard requisition for HSAT.

For clarity, the following parameters are in place and must be followed.

HSAT facilities are permitted, at their discretion and cost, to request EMR platforms post the provincial standard requisition for HSAT with their facility contact information **under the following parameters only:**

1. HSAT facility information may be added to the fields provided in the top right corner. **Information must be black and white text only. No logos, no images, no colours.**
2. No edits or additional information may be made to any other part of the form.
3. Pre-authorization forms for CPAP trial, or any type of therapy, **may not be** appended or attached to the standard requisition at any time.

- While the medical director or interpreting physician affiliated with an HSAT facility may review test results with the patient, recommendations are to go back to the referring practitioner with the diagnostic report so the practitioner may discuss results and therapy options with the patient.
4. While a facility may identify itself as formally accredited, use of the College or Ministry logo is not permitted without expressed written consent.

EMR platforms will receive similar clarification to ensure they are aware of expectations associated with use of the provincial standard HSAT requisition form.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

For questions relating to the provincial standard requisition for HSAT, please contact DFadmin@gov.bc.ca. For questions specific to facility accreditation, please contact dap@cpsbc.ca.

More information on the DAP accreditation process is available on the [College website](#).

Sincerely,
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