



MEMO

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To: In Sixty Provincial Operations Committee
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RE: RELEASE OF DRAFT CANCER CLINICAL PATHWAYS FOR REVIEW

Over the past number of months, in association with IN SIXTY, Manitoba's cancer patient journey initiative, subject matter experts have been meeting to develop Manitoba-specific clinical pathways related to key cancers including breast, colon, rectal, and lung cancers. Typical members included general practitioners, radiologists, pathologists, surgeons, and oncologists from many health organizations. We are now at a point where we are prepared to release the pathways in draft form for review, comments, and feedback.

Clinical pathways are to describe the clinical routing of patients including such factors as alarming signs of suspicion, indications for lab/diagnostic testing, and basis for referral on to specialists. They describe *indications for referral* in contrast to *processes* (ie - are not process maps). The pathways also include recommended targeted timelines for cancers for each part of the cancer journey as informed by subject matter experts, the sum of all time intervals not exceeding 60 days for all cancers. The time targets will be used as a basis for improvement and evaluation related to the IN SIXTY initiative.

To help in the review process, **it would be appreciated if you could please circulate the attached "Reducing Cancer Confusion" information to clinical staff in your organization, program, and/or disciplines who commonly provide cancer services.** The attached document will direct them to a webpage which is being currently used to house all cancer pathways, where they can be downloaded and reviewed in detail. **Providers are requested to provide any feedback no later than March 15, 2014.**

Thank-you very much for your assistance in disseminating this communication and request, and please do not hesitate to contact Dan Skwarchuk at 204-926-7099 should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter