
HOSPITAL
2005 Glossary of Terms
for the
Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario
on
Personal Health Information Requests

Glossary of Terms

Request, Completed	A request is considered to be complete once a decision letter has been sent to the individual in response to a personal health information request.
Request, Correction	A request to have one's own personal health information corrected.
Request, Disposition	The end result of a completed access request, (e.g. personal health information was disclosed, denied, or the request was withdrawn or never accessed.)
Health Information Custodian (reporting context only)	Any person or organization described in subsection 3(1) of <i>PHIPA</i> or any group of entities that has been permitted to act as a single HIC pursuant to a Minister's order under subsection 3(8).
Personal Health Information	<p>Personal health information means identifying information about an individual in oral or recorded form, if the information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● relates to the physical or mental health or provision of health care to the individual;● is a plan of service within the meaning of the <i>Long-term Care Act</i> for the individual;● relates to payments or eligibility for health care of the individual;● relates to the donation by the individual of any body part or bodily substance of the individual or is derived from the testing or examination of any such body part of bodily substance;● is the individual's health number;● identifies an individual's substitute decision-maker. <p>It also includes a mixed record that contains identifiable personal information that is not personal health information but is contained in a record that contains personal health information. However, it excludes employee records held by a custodian that are not primarily used for health care.</p>

Record(s)

A record means a record of information in any form or in any medium, whether in written, printed, photographic or electronic form or otherwise, but does not include a computer program or other mechanism that can produce a record.

Reporting Year

January to December.

Statement of Disagreement

A precise statement of disagreement prepared by the individual that sets out the correction the health information custodian has refused to make.