



## Consent for Release of Information to Medical Identification Number for Canada (MINC)

To receive your Medical Identification Number for Canada (MINC), you need to complete this consent. Please read the details about the MINC system and answer the question below.

A not-for-profit corporation, Medical Identification Number for Canada, known as "MINC#NIMC", has been incorporated by the Federation of Medical Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FMRAC) and the Medical Council of Canada (MCC) for the sole purpose of administering the MINC number system.

This number will be issued to all health care professionals who consent in writing. Once assigned, an individual's MINC number will remain unchanged throughout his/her entire medical career. Assigned numbers are never reused and individuals will carry the same number even if they leave Canada and return, move between jurisdictions or change registration status.

The only information encoded in an individual's MINC is a country code (CA for Canada) and a profession code (MD for Medicine). The MINC number does not imply any special privilege, rights or status; it is simply a series of letters and numbers for identification purposes.

When you consent, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario will submit your personal information to MINC#NIMC as follows: name(s) (and previous name(s) if applicable), gender, date of birth, country of birth and year and university of graduation, collectively referred to as the "Core Information".

MINC#NIMC will use Core Information to either generate or confirm an existing MINC and will retain the Core Information and its associated MINC in its system for the purposes of identifying individuals and ongoing identity confirmation by Prime and Licensed Users of the MINC system.

"Prime Users" are those organizations that are authorized to request issuance of a MINC (the MCC and the twelve Canadian medical regulatory authorities). "Licensed Users" are those organizations that have contracted with MINC#NIMC to use these numbers.

Not-for-profit and public sector organizations that are involved in the education, certification, licensure or professional practices of physicians in Canada may apply to MINC#NIMC for a license to use the MINC system as a means of:

- (i) Accurately identifying individuals with whom they have dealings,
- (ii) Processing information relating to those individuals, and
- (iii) Linking or exchanging physician information with other Licensed or Primary Users for Approved Purposes such as the compilation of statistics, the development of profiles, the administration of programs or benefits, the management of the health system and research.

Licensed Users agree to comply with MINC#NIMC's Privacy Code, with privacy, security and confidentiality provisions, and with applicable privacy legislation as part of their licensing agreements. The only information that shall be disclosed to Licensed Users shall be the medical identification numbers for their own members. Prime Users will have controlled access to both the MINC number and Core Information to facilitate the performance of their regulatory responsibilities.

For a more complete description of MINC#NIMC, including its Privacy Code and a complete list of all Prime and Licensed Users and their approved uses, consult the MINC#NIMC website at [www.minc-nimc.ca](http://www.minc-nimc.ca).

### Consent

I have read and understand the above information, and consent to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's release of the Core Information to MINC#NIMC for the purpose of generating a MINC number that will be permanently assigned to me or checking my existing Core Information with MINC#NIMC.

Yes

I further consent to MINC#NIMC storing the MINC number in its database and disclosing the MINC number to Prime and Licensed Users, as outlined above. I also understand that I may withdraw my consent to MINC at any time, by written notice to MINC#NIMC.

No

Print Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CPSO Registration or Reference Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_