

SLP Advance Practice Advisory Committee (Ad-hoc) *Terms of Reference*

Revised: July 2023

Purpose

To develop advanced authorization requirements for speech-language pathologists (SLPs) who seek to perform the restricted activity of ordering ionizing radiation for the purpose of videofluoroscopic swallowing studies (VFSS).

Objectives:

1. To finalize pre-requisites for those clinicians pursuing advanced authorization related to the following:
 - a. Curriculum content requirements and knowledge assessment for an e-learning course focused on diagnostic imaging considerations.
 - b. Clinical experience requirements (i.e., currency hours).
 - c. Competency indicators linked to advanced practice expectations, including continuing competency requirements.
 - d. Development of an Advanced Authorization Standard of Practice.
2. To complete a “pre-consultation” of the Advanced Authorization proposal with relevant professional groups to both a) identify any concerns that need to be addressed and b) gauge support prior to sharing with government for formal external stakeholder consultation.
3. To share the complete proposal package with the Government of Alberta’s Health Professions Regulation Branch to obtain a regulation amendment that allows for advanced authorization.

Membership

The committee will be comprised of 5-7 individuals, including regulated SLPs with relevant clinical and/or academic experience. Representatives will be sought from both rural and urban locations and will include both pediatric and adult clinical experience. Varying amounts of clinical experience (i.e., less experienced vs more senior clinicians) will be sought to provide an array of perspectives and experiences amongst the group.

The Registrar or Governance Advisor will serve as an ex-officio member of the committee and will facilitate discussion, coordinate development and revision of draft documents, and disseminate communication amongst the group.

Chair: A chairperson may be selected from amongst committee participants, as required.

Roles and Responsibilities

Committee Members:

- To review background documentation and relevant literature, as required.
- To participate in the ongoing discussion and decision-making of the committee.
- To conduct themselves in accordance with the ACSLPA Code of Conduct for Council, Staff and Volunteers.
- To participate in the completion of assigned tasks and duties, as required.

Chair:

- To be available to discuss any relevant issues with the staff liaison prior to or between meetings.
- To serve as a contact person for ongoing business related to the project.

Frequency of Meetings

Virtual meetings will be scheduled at the discretion of the committee, augmented with email communications as required.

Minutes

Minutes will be circulated to the committee for review and will be stored on the ACSLPA Shared Drive.

Date Approved

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