

Ontario Laboratories Information System (OLIS) – London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC)

Privacy Impact Assessment Summary

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Introduction

As required under Ontario Regulation (O.Reg.) 329/04 under the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* (PHIPA), and by eHealth Ontario's Personal Health Information Privacy Policy, eHealth Ontario completed a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) on Ontario Laboratories Information System (OLIS) – London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) initiative.

The PIA found that eHealth Ontario has the authority under section 6.2 of O.Reg. 329/04 to permit access to OLIS data by authorized users for this initiative. As eHealth Ontario is receiving personal health information (PHI) from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) for the purpose of creating or maintaining one or more electronic health records.

The following is a summary of the PIA, including a brief background on the OLIS-LHSC initiative, key findings, and eHealth Ontario's progress on implementing the recommendations identified in the PIA.

Background

The OLIS LHSC initiative is part of the OLIS go-to-market strategy and aligns with the broader eHealth Ontario strategy for the electronic health record. eHealth Ontario and LHSC are collaborating to make laboratory information from OLIS available to authorized users of LHSC's Cerner OLIS Clinical Viewer operated by LHSC and St. Joseph's Health Care. Authorized users of the OLIS clinical viewer include clinicians from LHSC, St. Joseph's Health Care London, Middlesex Hospital Alliance, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital, Woodstock General Hospital, Alexandra Hospital, South Huron Hospital Association, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital and Listowel Wingham Hospital Alliance.

The OLIS clinical viewer allows OLIS data to be displayed in a format that is consistent with the look and feel users are familiar with and in a format consistent with the way these users are accustomed to viewing clinical data.

Clinicians will only be able to search for patients through the OLIS clinical viewer for the purpose of providing or assisting in the provision of health care. This project involves providing clinical access to Ontarians' personal health information, and is therefore guided by *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004*. PHIPA only allows for collection, use, and disclosure of personal health information for specific purposes.

Summary of Privacy Impact Assessment

The PIA concludes that eHealth Ontario has the overall PHIPA authority under section 6.2 of O.Reg. 329/04 to make OLIS data available to clinicians at the participating hospital corporations for the purpose of providing or assisting in the provision of health care. Additionally, both eHealth Ontario and LHSC, have robust infrastructures with strong privacy and security safeguards suitable for the processing and sharing of sensitive PHI. The PIA makes one recommendation for the initiative: to ensure that eHealth Ontario continues to act in compliance with its privacy obligations in respect of legislation, policy and best practice.

Summary of the Implementation Plan for the Privacy Impact Assessment Recommendations

The recommendation is summarized below:

1. eHealth Ontario to execute agreements with LHSC and participating health information custodians who will be accessing OLIS data as per eHealth Ontario privacy policy.

Glossary

HIC	Health Information Custodian
LHSC	London Health Sciences Centre
MOHLTC	Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
O.Reg.	Ontario Regulation
PHIPA	Personal Health Information Protection Act
PHI	Personal Health Information
PIA	Privacy Impact Assessment

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