

# Health Information Data Governance Committee Alberta Health

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## Agency Background

- The Health Information Data Governance Committee (HIDGC) is a multi disciplinary data steward committee, which provides on health information privacy and data governance.
- HIDGC was established in 2016 following the dissolution of the Electronic Health Record data stewardship Committee.
- HIDGC's responsibilities include making recommendations on health information sharing and information management to inform patient care and support service delivery to Albertans, and manage the health system; recommending strategic direct to provincial ehealth initiatives; and advising on privacy and security issues.

## Agency Mandate

- HIDGC provides strategic advice to the Minister of Health and the Health Information Executive Committee (HIEC) to ensure that health information and data is protected and health information is used effectively to support patient care, health system management, research, and evidence based quality improvement, and program planning and promoting the sharing of health information outside the health

sector where necessary for client service delivery through the Government of Alberta's social programs.

## Organizational Structure

- The HIDGC is a senior level multidisciplinary advisory committee that supports the Health Information Executive Committee.
- Members are appointed on a three-year term, with the possibility of re-appointment.
- Members may not send a delegate.
- The committee consists of voting members and is attended by advisory resources. HIDGC may invite persons to meetings to provide expert advice on certain topics.
- Alberta Health's Health Information Management Branch provides secretarial and administrative support.

## Legislation

- Appointments are made under Section 7 of the *Government Organization Act*.
- The HIDGC is a multi-disciplinary data stewardship committee required under Section 56.7 of the *Health Information Act* (HIA).