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To: All FHA Surgeons,

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**Re: Patient Prioritization Codes – Implementation of Orthopaedic Revision Reason Code – “Stiffness”**

The Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI) which manages the Canadian Joint Replacement Registry (CJRR) has issued a new orthopaedic revision reason. The Surgical Patient Registry has updated the SPR provincial Adult Orthopaedic Surgery Patient Conditions and Diagnosis Description form.

The following changes have been made to the form:

- “Revision” has been added to the “Failed Prosthetic Joint” diagnosis description to clarify Diagnosis Description Code ‘B’ – “Failed Prosthetic Joint” applies *only* to revisions
- Revision Reason Code ‘R’ indicating “Stiffness” has been added to the list of revision reasons

In order to ensure the updated Adult Orthopaedic Surgery Patient Conditions and Diagnosis Description form is implemented successfully, please be aware of the following key dates and required actions to assist with the implementation:

**March 2016**

- Surgeons’ offices informed of the updated Adult Orthopaedic Surgery Patient Conditions and Diagnosis Description form Version 7.0. A copy of the form is enclosed.
- **Action Required:** If you are a user of Electronic Medical Record (EMR) software, you will need to notify your EMR vendor directly asking that, if required, they load the additional revision reason code ‘R’ – “Stiffness” into their EMR software. If this is the case, you will need to give your EMR vendor the updated Adult Orthopaedic Surgery Patient Conditions and Diagnosis Description form. The updated form can also be found on the Physicians website under the heading ‘Diagnosis Prioritization’ at <http://physicians.fraserhealth.ca/Clinical-Resources/#Forms>.
- *The updated Adult Orthopaedic Surgery Patient Conditions and Diagnosis Description form Version 7.0 serves as your new reference list for the codes when you are completing the OR Booking Form. Please do not use the new Revision Reason Code ‘R’ - “Stiffness” on new OR Booking Forms until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 as they will not be accepted by Fraser Health before this date.*

**April 1<sup>st</sup> (Go-Live)**

- Starting April 1st 2016, your office is asked to delete or shred your old Adult Orthopaedic Surgery Patient Conditions and Diagnosis Description form Version 6.0. Please replace with the updated Version 7.0 form when completing the OR Booking Form.
- Note that existing cases already booked for surgery will not need to have their Revision Reason Code updated.

If you have any questions about the provincial review of the patient prioritization codes or the use of the updated codes on the surgery booking forms please feel free to contact Surgery Information Systems at 604-587-4482 or via email at [surgeryinformationsystemssupport@fraserhealth.ca](mailto:surgeryinformationsystemssupport@fraserhealth.ca).

Fraser Health is committed to completing this work in order to manage wait lists effectively and fairly for patients. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important initiative.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.

Kind Regards,

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