

OVERVIEW OF THE MANITOBA QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM (MANQAP)

Pursuant to *The Medical Act*, the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba has established a Program Review Committee which oversees the operation of the Manitoba Quality Assurance Program (MANQAP). The objective of MANQAP is to establish standards for diagnostic and treatment facilities, to investigate and inspect diagnostic facilities for accreditation and to monitor compliance with established standards.

Pursuant to s.40(1) of *The Medical Act*, the College has the authority to investigate and inspect all diagnostic and treatment facilities in which services are performed by its members, other than those which are under the jurisdiction of provincial or municipal governments and those facilities that are approved hospitals under *The Manitoba Hospitals Act*. These “private facilities” must be operated by a Medical Director who is a member of the CPSM and that member is responsible and accountable to the CPSM for the facilities and the services it performs.

The Medical Act also contemplates the Program Review Committee entering into agreements with the Federal, Provincial or Municipal governments in respect to any facilities or portions thereof falling within the jurisdiction of that government. Effective August 31, 2007, MANQAP operates pursuant to a Service Purchase Agreement (SPA) between Manitoba Health and the CPSM. Pursuant to the SPA, MANQAP accredits the public laboratory and diagnostic imaging facilities in the Province of Manitoba specified on a schedule to the SPA. Each year, comprehensive surveys are conducted at specified facilities, as agreed between Manitoba Health and MANQAP. The intent is that all public facilities included within the scope of the SPA will be surveyed on a five year cycle. The facilities surveyed include laboratories and facilities involved in diagnostic imaging and transfusion medicine.