

Canadian Bone Mineral Densitometry Facility Accreditation NEW FUNDING FOR PILOT PROJECT ANNOUNCED!!

HAVE YOU APPLIED?

Osteoporosis Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Health have approved additional funding to permit a third expansion of the OAR's Canadian Bone Mineral Densitometry Facility Accreditation program. This provides an excellent opportunity for clinics and hospitals to be included in this next CBMD phase.

The OAR's Canadian Bone Mineral Densitometry Facility Accreditation program is the largest Bone Mineral Densitometry facility accreditation program in the world solidifying our role as the Canadian leader in BMD excellence. Over 60 hospital and clinic DXA units are currently in the CBMD Facility Accreditation process or already approved. The OAR strongly encourages BMD service providers to participate in the CBMD's phase 3 expansion of another 30 DXA units.

Our partnership with Osteoporosis Canada (OC) and the MOH is driven by the goal to accredit a sufficient number of DXA units in every region of the province so that all patients will have the opportunity to be examined at an accredited BMD facility practicing the highest quality control and quality assurance standards. The CBMD facility accreditation program is unique in that it combines traditional accreditation elements with the integral involvement of medical physicists, a dedicated CME program for physicians and technologists, and a multi-disciplinary advisory board to guide current and future directions.

As part of this pilot program, hospitals and clinics receive consistent support and communication from the OAR's dedicated CBMD Accreditation team. The CBMD is the only accreditation program in the world in which the physicist plays a pivotal role in the ongoing monitoring of quality assurance and quality control ranging from the initial site visit to the follow-up anniversary QA reviews. In addition, the CBMD assists in educating your technologists about precision measurements, patient positioning, ensuring high quality equipment performance, and providing independent technical and professional validation.

The Canadian BMD Facility Accreditation standards have already established a new gold standard in BMD quality assurance as well as providing built-in continuity as new developments, such as diagnostic reporting, occur.

Key benefits include:

- Ensuring the highest standard of testing and quality patient management
- Reassuring the public and referring physicians of the highest possible BMD standards
- Providing consistency in technology performance, QC/QA techniques
- Ensuring adherence of Canada's accepted reporting standard

Quotes from Accredited CBMD hospitals and clinics:

"The CBMD Accreditation process has given our facility the opportunity to significantly improve and standardize our process and thereby greatly improve patient care. Our team has benefited greatly from the CBMD Accreditation courses offered to both technologists and radiologists, in that our team gained both the knowledge and skills required to aid in precision testing, developing Shewhart plots, patient questionnaire, and generally increasing knowledge of bone mineral densitometry".

"The CBMD accreditation process has allowed us to develop a sound quality control program under the guidance of a Medical Physicist. As with mammography, this is a vital first step in providing a reliable and useful clinical service. One of the key components of quality has been calculating our precision for BMD measurement specific to our machine/site, our technologists and our patient population. This gives us as radiologists, as well as our referring clinicians, much more confidence in our recommendations with respect to disease progression and response to treatment."

"The real key to the success of this whole concept is to provide a consistent and high standard of BMD measurement and reporting across the whole region. I would encourage other practices performing BMD to consider benefiting from the OAR's CBMD Facility accreditation program and helping to achieve this goal."

Don't delay, click on the following link on the OAR website to access the [Notice of Intent Application](#) or call the OAR office to be a part of the largest known Bone Mineral Densitometry facility accreditation program in the world solidifying Ontario's role as the Canadian leader in BMD excellence.

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