

One Person One Record Clinical Information System (OPOR-CIS): In-Scope and Out-of-Scope Care Delivery

This guide provides an overview of what the implementation of the OPOR-CIS means for Providers who deliver care in both private clinics and IWK Health and Nova Scotia Health clinics.

IWK Health and Nova Scotia Health Clinics: All IWK Health and Nova Scotia Health owned and operated clinics with custodianship over their electronic medical records (EMRs) are **in-scope** for the OPOR-CIS. These collaborative clinics will use the OPOR-CIS, including Computerized Provider Order Entry (CPOE) and documentation to deliver patient care.

Private Offices/Clinics: All privately owned and operated health offices and clinics are **out-of-scope** for the OPOR-CIS (*a decision made during the **Request for Proposal** process, following broad consultation*). These locations will continue to use their privately-owned EMRs and continue their current state care delivery processes.

What does this mean for Providers?

- When working in a facility that utilizes the OPOR-CIS (i.e., IWK Health and Nova Scotia Health clinics), Providers will be expected to deliver care using the OPOR-CIS. This includes ordering and documentation.
- When delivering care in a private clinic, Providers will continue to practice and document as they do currently (e.g., on paper or in a private EMR).
- Information entered in a private clinic's EMR **will not** be included within the OPOR-CIS, as there will be no interfacing or connection between private EMRs and the OPOR-CIS.

Provider Portal

All providers within Nova Scotia will be able to view patient information including reports, diagnostic imaging, labs, and more through Provider Portal. If you currently have access to SHARE, you will have access to Provider Portal. The full benefit of Provider Portal will be in effect when the OPOR-CIS goes live in a zone, when patient information will be available in real time.

Providers do not have to be in scope for the OPOR-CIS to have access to Provider Portal. Providers in out-of-scope clinics can access patient information documented in the OPOR-CIS through Provider Portal; however, they will not be able to communicate or document into the OPOR-CIS from their private practice. You may see the same patient in an inpatient or ambulatory setting that is in-scope for the OPOR-CIS, and you may also see the same patient in your private clinic. As noted above, EMRs used in private clinics (such as Accuro or Telus MedAccess) will not communicate directly with the OPOR-CIS.

If you have any questions, please contact CMIO@nshealth.ca for additional information.