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To: CMOs, CNOs, COOs, Change Leads, Implementation Leads, Shared Health Leadership

CC: Shared Health Leadership

From: **Dr. Edward Buchel**, Provincial Specialty Lead, Surgery, Shared Health
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Re: **Shared Health Day Surgery Hip and Knee Arthroplasty Exclusion Criteria Provincial Clinical Guideline**

The provincially approved **Shared Health Day Surgery Hip and Knee Arthroplasty Exclusion Criteria Provincial Clinical Guideline** is being released to support an increase in percentage of elective hip and knee surgeries being performed as day surgery.

The purpose of this Provincial Clinical Guideline is to provide high-quality, efficient and safe orthopaedic surgical care for hip and knee arthroplasty patients. It provides evidence-informed criteria for the exclusion of patients from day surgery hip and knee arthroplasty.

The guideline is available at: [Shared Health Provincial Clinical Project, Standards, and Guidelines](#)

USE OF THE CRITERIA

1. **Surgeon consultation:** The Surgeon will use the criteria in the initial consultation to determine if day surgery is an appropriate option for the patient. The Surgeons will document the decision for day surgery as per their personal and professional practice requirements. Formal documentation requirements have not been developed.
2. **Preadmission Clinic (PAC):** During the PAC assessment, the Anesthesiologist and the care team (Nursing and Occupational / Physiotherapy) will use the criteria to assess the patient preoperatively, and to determine if day surgery is still appropriate for the patient.
3. **Patients:** Central Intake, Surgeon offices, and Primary Care Physicians will answer patients' questions about the day surgery option during the consultation process.

In the coming months, Shared Health will be collaborating with each of the orthopaedic sites to assist in increasing outpatient joints.

We appreciate your support as we move towards standardized practice in order to optimize our delivery of timely services in the province.

For any questions related to the provincial clinical guideline, please contact ProvincialClinicalCommunications@sharedhealthmb.ca.