POLICY TITLE

USE OF IMPLANTABLE SURGICAL DEVICES

AUTHORIZATION	DATE APPROVED	DATE REVISED
Vice President, Clinical Operations Vice President, Medicine	June 2004	April 2012

PURPOSE

This policy establishes certain protocols for all devices, appliances or prosthetics ("Devices") which are intended to be implanted in patients within the Fraser Health Authority ("FHA").

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1. FHA will be the sole provider of all Devices used within FHA facilities. FHA will ensure that all devices are approved by the appropriate regulatory body prior to their use.

2. FHA will be solely responsible for determining what Devices qualify as enhanced medical goods or services ("Chargeable Devices") pursuant to Ministry of Health (MOH) Policy.

3. FHA will be responsible for establishing all patient charges related to Chargeable Devices and communicating such charges to physicians and FHA staff. No patient will be charged for a Chargeable Device unless the Executive (or its designate) has approved the Chargeable Device for use within FHA and has approved the applicable charge.

4. FHA will maintain a dated, published price list for all patient Chargeable Devices. The Vice President, Clinical Operations and the Vice President, Medicine are jointly responsible for communicating the policy to surgeons and Direct Care departments.

5. All patients receiving a Chargeable Device will be required to complete the appropriate billing consent form and to pay for the Chargeable Device in advance of their surgery. The Finance Department is responsible for maintaining a published price list and the financial systems appropriate for the collection of monies owed.

6. Pricing for Chargeable Devices shall be consistent with MOH policy and approved exceptions. FHA will work collaboratively with other Health Authorities and the MOH to ensure consistent standard prices are applied for all residents of British Columbia.

7. FHA will be responsible for collecting all revenue associated with Chargeable Devices and for determining how such revenue will be allocated within FHA.

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RATIONALE

The rationale for this policy is to:

1. Improve quality control, maximize product traceability and ensure compliance with infection control standards;

2. Minimize liability for FHA and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements;

3. Promote product standardization, when appropriate;

4. Ensure that patient charges related to Chargeable Devices are consistent with FHA policy and are standardized across FHA; and

5. Ensure compliance with MOH policy regarding Chargeable Devices.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy update will apply **June 4, 2012**.