Process Map for New/Expanding Designated Vascular Programs – February 2024

Readiness Assessment

To determine readiness prior to completing Proposal, hospital to review Ontario Designated Vascular Program Standards (Program Standards) to understand requirements of a Level 1, 2, and 3 vascular program. Appendix B of Program Standards provides a table summary of requirements including a checklist that can be used to support readiness assessment.

Planning and Pre-Endorsement

Hospital engages Ontario Health Region to discuss and validate need for new or expanded designated vascular program.

Hospital, in collaboration with Ontario Health Region, completes *Proposal*.

Hospital to send *Proposal* to Ontario Health Region for review. (Other relevant partners to be copied.¹)

Ontario Health Region Review & Endorsement

Ontario Health Region to review *Proposal*, seeking additional information or clarification as required.

Does Ontario Health Region endorse *Proposal*?

Ontario Health Region to provide written feedback to hospital clearly describing why *Proposal* was not endorsed.

Ontario Health
Region, copying
hospital, to send
Proposal to
Ontario Health —
CorHealth Ontario
for review. (Other
relevant partners
to be copied.¹)

Ontario Health – CorHealth Ontario Review & Endorsement

Ontario Health - CorHealth Ontario to review *Proposal*, seeking additional information or clarification as required.

Does Ontario Health - CorHealth Ontario endorse *Proposal*?

Ontario Health – CorHealth Ontario to provide written feedback to Ontario Health Region clearly describing why *Proposal* was not endorsed.

Ontario Health Region to inform hospital, copying Ontario Health – CorHealth Ontario. Ontario Health – CorHealth Ontario to inform Ministry of Health, copying Ontario Health Region.

Ontario Health –
CorHealth Ontario to
communicate
endorsement of *Proposal*to Ontario Health
Region.²

Ontario Health - CorHealth
Ontario and Ontario
Health Region to send
Proposal and briefing note
with recommendation to
Ministry of Health
Provincial Programs
Branch for review. (Other
relevant partners to be
copied.¹)

Ministry of Health Review and Decision

Ministry of Health Provincial Programs Branch to review *Proposal* and briefing note with recommendation and communicate decision in writing to hospital, Ontario Health Region, and Ontario Health – CorHealth Ontario. (Other relevant partners to be copied. 1)

Non-Cardiac Vascular Quality-Based Procedure funding will align with approved vascular program Level designation.

Proposal must include evidence of/that:

- Service gap(s) that cannot be met by existing regional vascular services or through formal partnerships with other regional designated vascular programs
- ☐ Sufficient population need to generate service volumes while ensuring clinical expertise
- Existing designated vascular programs will be able to retain volumes sufficient to maintain the integrity of their programs
- Internal capacity and resources are sufficient to sustainably meet increased utilization/demand
- ☐ Coordination and integration of vascular care services within the hospital and with community partners to meet patient needs

Review to consider the validity, completeness, rationale, impact, and need. Ontario Health Region to also consider:

☐ Ontario Health Region fiscal position to support additional funding needs²

Review to consider the validity, completeness, rationale, impact, and need. Ontario Health – CorHealth Ontario to also consider:

- ☐ Approved programs not yet operational
- ☐ The capacity of existing programs
- Overall planning strategy for vascular services in Ontario
- ☐ Alignment to the Ontario Designated Vascular Program Standards

Footnotes:

- 1. If a capital component is required, hospital, in collaboration with Ontario Health Region, to engage Capacity Planning and Capital Branch of Ministry of Health
- 2. Any additional health human resources and/or operational budget needs must be found within Ontario Health Region and/or hospital budget (no net new funding)