The following resources may be helpful to custodians when reviewing their obligations and rights under the Personal Health Information Act (PHIA).

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Please note that as external websites are updated, the links listed in this appendix may become outdated. Please contact the Department of Health and Wellness by e-mail at phia@gov.ns.ca or by phone at 1-855-640-4765 (toll-free) or 424-5419 to report broken links and to request updated information on the Personal Health Information Act.

Regulated Health Professions – Nova Scotia

Chiropractors
Nova Scotia College of Chiropractors
http://www.knowyourback.ca/
http://www.chiropractors.ns.ca/
Counselling Therapists
Nova Scotia College of Counselling Therapists
http://www.nscct.ca/index.html

Medical Laboratory Technicians
Nova Scotia College of Medical Laboratory Technologists
http://www.nscmlt.org/

Dental Hygienists
College of Dental Hygienists of Nova Scotia
http://www.cdhns.ca/

Dentists
Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia
http://www.pdbns.ca/
Nova Scotia Dental Association
http://www.nsdental.org/

Nova Scotia Dental Assistants Association
http://www.nsdaa.ca/

Denturists
Denturist Licensing Board of Nova Scotia
http://www.nsdenturistboard.ca/
Denturists Society of Nova Scotia
http://www.nsdenturistsociety.ca/

Dieticians
Nova Scotia Dietetic Association
http://www.nsdassoc.ca/

Licensed Practical Nurses
College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Nova Scotia
http://www.clpnnns.ca/

Medical Radiation Technologists
Nova Scotia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists
http://nsamrt.ca/

Midwives
Midwifery Regulatory Council of Nova Scotia
http://mrcns.ca/
Naturopathic Doctors
Nova Scotia Association of Naturopathic Doctors
http://nsand.ca/

Occupational Therapists
College of Occupational Therapists of Nova Scotia
http://www.cotns.ca/home.html
Nova Scotia Society of Occupational Therapists
http://www.nssot.ca/

Dispensing Opticians
Nova Scotia College of Dispensing Opticians
http://www.nscdo.ca/
Nova Scotia Society of Dispensing Opticians
http://www.opticians.ns.ca/

Optometrists
Nova Scotia College of Optometrists
http://www.nsco.ca/
Nova Scotia Association of Optometrists
http://www.nsoptometrists.ca/

Pharmacists
Nova Scotia College of Pharmacists
http://www.nspharmacists.ca/
Pharmacy Association of Nova Scotia
http://pans.ns.ca/

Physicians
College of Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia
http://www.cpsns.ns.ca/
Doctors Nova Scotia
http://www.doctorsns.com/

Canadian Medical Protective Association
http://www cmpa-acpm.ca/

Physiotherapists
Nova Scotia College of Physiotherapists
http://nsphysio.com/
Nova Scotia Physiotherapy Association
http://www.physiotherapyns.ca/

Psychologists
Nova Scotia Board of Examiners in Psychology
http://www.nsbep.org/
Association of Psychologists of Nova Scotia
http://www.apns.ca/

Registered Nurses
College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia
http://www.crnns.ca/
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Respiratory Therapists
Nova Scotia College of Respiratory Therapists
http://www.nscrt.com/

Social Workers (Medical)
Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers
www.nsasw.org

Information and Privacy Commissioner websites

Nova Scotia
The Review Officer’s website (includes legislation, all Review reports, Annual Reports and forms)
http://www.foiipop.ns.ca/

Federal
Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada
http://www.priv.gc.ca/

Alberta
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta
http://www.oipc.ab.ca/

British Columbia
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner of British Columbia
http://www.oipc.bc.ca/

Manitoba
Ombudsman Manitoba – Access and Privacy Division
http://ombudsman.mb.ca/access.htm

New Brunswick
Office of the Access to Information and Privacy Commissioner
http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/contacts/

Newfoundland and Labrador
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
http://www.oipc.nl.ca/

Northwest Territories
Information and Privacy Commissioner of the Northwest Territories
http://www.justice.gov.nt.ca/ATIPP/
Nunavut  
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
http://www.info-privacy.nu.ca/

Ontario  
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
http://www.ipc.on.ca/

Prince Edward Island  
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
http://www.assembly.pe.ca/

Québec  
Commission d’accès à l’information  
http://www.cai.gouv.qc.ca

Saskatchewan  
Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner  
http://www.oipc.sk.ca/

Yukon  
Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner  
http://www.ombudsman.yk.ca/ipc/

Provincial health information legislation links

Alberta – Health Information Act  
http://www.health.alberta.ca/about/health-legislation.html

British Columbia – Personal Information Protection Act  
Note: The Personal Information Protection Act is private sector legislation which also applies to personal health information in the health sector.  
http://www.cio.gov.bc.ca/cio/priv_leg/pipa/

Manitoba – Personal Health Information Act  
http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/phia/

New Brunswick – Personal Health Information Privacy and Access Act  
http://www.gnb.ca/0051/acts/

Newfoundland and Labrador – Personal Health Information Act  
http://www.health.gov.nl.ca/health/phia/
Ontario – *Personal Health Information Protection Act*  

Saskatchewan – *Health Information Protection Act*  

**Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act**

Industry Canada (Electronic Commerce branch) - *PIPEDA*  

Industry Canada (Electronic Commerce branch) - *PIPEDA Awareness Raising Tools (PARTS)*  

Federal government criteria for provincial act to be recognized as “*substantially similar*” to *PIPEDA*  

**Electronic Information Systems/Electronic Health Records**

Alberta  
Alberta Netcare  
[http://www.albertanetcare.ca/](http://www.albertanetcare.ca/)

College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta. Data Stewardship Framework.  

British Columbia  
eHealth Program  

BC Medical Association Privacy Toolkit  
[https://www.bcma.org/publications-media/privacy-toolkit](https://www.bcma.org/publications-media/privacy-toolkit)

Securing Personal Information: A Self-Assessment Tool for Organization  

Canadian Security Establishment. *Canadian Handbook on Information Technology Security*  
COACH
*Putting it in Practice: Privacy and Security for Health care Providers Implementing Electronic Records*
http://www.coachorg.com/

Canada Health Infoway
https://www.infoway-inforoute.ca/


ITAC (Information Technology Association of Canada) - Health
http://www.itac.ca/health

Ontario
  e-Health Ontario
  http://www.ehealthontario.on.ca/


Newfoundland and Labrador
  Centre for Health Information
  http://www.nlchi.nl.ca/

Saskatchewan
  e- Health Saskatchewan
  http://www.health.gov.sk.ca/ehealth-saskatchewan

*Health Information Management*

ARMA International – Nova Scotia chapter
http://www.armanovascotia.org/

www.novascotia.ca/DHW/PHIA
Canadian Health Information Management Association
https://www.echima.ca/

2011 COACH Guidelines for the Protection of Health Information. Chapter 15 Security Safeguards
http://www.coachorg.com/

Research/Planning and Management

Population Health Research Unit (Dalhousie University)
http://www.phru.dal.ca/index.cfm

Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation
http://www.nshrf.ca/

Canadian Institute for Health Information
http://www.cihi.ca/

Canadian Institutes of Health Research
http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/

Research Ethics Boards – Nova Scotia

Annapolis Valley Health Authority
http://www.avdha.nshealth.ca/research-ethics

Cape Breton District Health Authority

Capital District Health Authority
http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/discovery-innovation/services-researchers/research-ethics

Colchester East Hants Health Authority
http://www.cehha.nshealth.ca/About%20CEHHA/ethics.htm

Cumberland Health Authority
http://www.cha.nshealth.ca/ccha/about_us/ethics.htm

Guysborough Antigonish Strait Health Authority
http://gasha.nshealth.ca/st-marthas-regional-hospital-ec.htm
IWK Health Centre  

Pictou County Health Authority  
http://www.pcha.nshealth.ca/pictoucounty/ethics/

South Shore Health Authority  
http://www.southshorehealth.ca/resources-general/ethics-resources.html

South West Health  
http://www.swndha.nshealth.ca/pages/ethics.htm

**General – Privacy**

Canadian Association of Professional Access and Privacy Administrators  
http://www.capapa.org/index.html

Privacy Lawyer (David Fraser’s privacy law website). David Fraser is a privacy lawyer at McInnes Cooper in Halifax. His site includes a privacy blog and privacy resources and articles.  
http://privacylawyer.ca/

**General - Health**

Health Association of Nova Scotia  
http://www.healthassociation.ns.ca/

Canadian Association of Chain Drug Stores  
http://www.cacds.com/