

PROTECTING YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

The **Personal Health Information Act** or **PHIA** is a provincial law that requires that “custodians” of personal health information (including physicians, nurses, and registered counsellors) have policies and practices to protect your personal health information.

The PHIA aims to balance your right to have your personal health information protected with the need of those in the health sector to use your information to provide you with appropriate care and treatment.

The health professionals at this clinic will collect, use and disclose your personal health information to:

- Provide you with healthcare;
- Communicate and consult with other health professionals involved in your care, in order to administer your care;
- Obtain payment for the healthcare services you receive at the clinic;
- Manage the clinic’s operations; and
- Fulfill any other purposes required by law.

What are my rights under the PHIA?

- You have the right to request access to your personal health information.
- You have the right to request that some or all of your personal health information not be collected, used or disclosed to specific individuals or organizations involved in your care.
- You have the right to request a correction to your personal health information if it is not accurate, complete or up-to-date.
- You have the right to request information on who has accessed your personal health information held in electronic form.
- You have the right to make a complaint to any custodian related to their management of your personal health information.

Who do I contact for more information on my rights under the PHIA?

- This information is a summary of your rights and our obligations under PHIA. Additional information is included in our Written Privacy Statement.
- You can also contact our PHIA Contact Person, Judy Kelley, at **902-574-5269** and **judy_kelley@cbu.ca**.