BRITISH COLUMBIA | Ministry of Health

OUT-OF-COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING APPLICATION

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE *ATTENDING BC SPECIALIST*
AND MUST INCLUDE THEIR SIGNATURE OR IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE INCOMPLETE

For detailed information about Guidelines for Funding Approval see:
http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/msp/infoben/leavingbc.html

DATE OF APPLICATION

PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

NAME OF REFERRING SPECIALIST PHYSICIAN	PRACTITIONER NUMBER	SPECIALTY

ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER

PATIENT INFORMATION

SURNAME	FIRST NAME	INITIALS	PERSONAL HEALTH NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH

ADDRESS

CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS (CONDITIONS FOR WHICH TREATMENT IS RECOMMENDED):

Iron Overload

NAME(S) AND SPECIALTY(S) OF OTHER BC AND CANADIAN SPECIALISTS CONSULTED FOR THIS MEDICAL CONDITION
(PLEASE ATTACH CONSULTATION REPORTS AND MEDICAL RECOMMENDATION(S) TO SUPPORT THE MEDICALLY REQUIRED SERVICES FOR OUT-OF-COUNTRY MEDICAL SERVICES)

PROPOSED TREATMENT AND/OR PROCEDURE FOR WHICH APPROVAL IS REQUESTED:

FerriScan®, provided by Resonance Health in Perth, Australia, is the only FDA approved MRI system for measuring liver iron concentration. The MRI scan is done locally in British Columbia by a radiology centre that has been set up to use FerriScan®. The anonymized data from the patient's scan is sent to Resonance Health corporate headquarters in Perth, Australia, and processed at the core laboratory in a quality controlled environment. The data analysis is carried out by specifically trained medical physicists at Resonance Health. The centralized laboratory for the data analysis enables provision of a high-quality, reproducible method to ensure results are accurate. The core laboratory operates under ISO 13485:2016 quality standards. The results from the patient's scan

PROPOSED OUT OF COUNTRY FACILITY/PHYSICIAN NAME AND ADDRESS

The Technical and Research Manager responsible for overseeing analysis of patient images is Dr Wenjie Pang (wenjiep@resonancehealth.com). The address and contact information for Resonance Health are as follows:

Resonance Health Analysis Services
141 Burswood Road
Burswood WA Australia 6100

APPLICATION IS FOR:	FACILITY IS:	SPECIALTY OF PHYSICIAN
(✓ appropriate box) ☑ IN PATIENT SERVICES - ANTICIPATED NO. OF DAYS: _____ ☐ OUT PATIENT SERVICES	☐ PUBLIC ☐ PRIVATE ☐ UNKNOWN	

IS TREATMENT FOR CANCER?	IS THE OOC TREATMENT GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN BC AS APPROPRIATE IN THIS MEDICAL CONDITION?	IS THIS TREATMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL / EXPERIMENTAL STAGES?
☐ NO ☐ YES (ATTACH A COPY OF THE MEDICAL RECOMMENDATION FROM THE BC CANCER AGENCY)	☑ YES ☐ NO	☐ YES ☑ NO

IS TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR THIS CONDITION IN:

☐ BRITISH COLUMBIA

WHERE IS TREATMENT PERFORMED?

☐ ELSEWHERE IN CANADA

WHERE IS TREATMENT PERFORMED?

IS TREATMENT OF THIS CONDITION REQUIRED OUT OF CANADA TO AVOID A DELAY IN OBTAINING TREATMENT IN BC?	DELAY WILL RESULT IN:
☐ YES ☐ NO	☐ DEATH ☐ MEDICALLY SIGNIFICANT IRREVERSIBLE TISSUE DAMAGE

HOW SOON IS TREATMENT REQUIRED? (PLEASE EXPLAIN MEDICAL URGENCY)

COMMENTS

This patient is suffering from iron overload which can be a life threatening condition. Excess iron can result in organ damage and increased risk of cardiac complications (a significant number of transfused patients die from cardiac complications). The liver iron concentration (LIC) value is the best measurement of total body iron stores. Under normal circumstances, the liver is the primary site of iron storage. However, once a certain threshold of liver iron is exceeded, iron begins to accumulate in the heart and other organs. High LIC acts as an early warning sign of possible future cardiac complications, as it may prospectively predict cardiac iron loading and cardiac disease. FerriScan enables clinicians to determine the effectiveness of chelation therapy and when to adjust the therapy accordingly, minimising the risk of iron loading in other organs.

Accurate monitoring of liver iron concentration (LIC) on a regular basis during this process is strongly recommended to avoid risks of over-chelation.

Completion of this form does not guarantee funding for out-of-province/country medical services.

IS THE OUT-OF-COUNTRY TREATMENT REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF:	REFERRING PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE
☐ A WORK RELATED ACCIDENT ☐ A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT	

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