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Dear Hospital Presidents and Chief Executive Officers:

Pursuant to section 22.2 of Regulation 965 made under the *Public Hospitals Act* which deals with hospitals' disclosure of information concerning certain patient safety indicators through hospital websites, each Ontario hospital is mandated to report on its hospital website, by July 30, 2010 and by the end of every reporting period thereafter:

- its bi-annual proportion of surgical procedures in which the surgical safety checklist was performed.

The percent compliance will be reported for the defined reporting period. A schedule of reporting is included in the attached Appendix, which also describes in detail the reporting methodology.

The MOHLTC will also be posting the above indicator information on its Patient Safety public website in alignment with hospital public reporting.

In addition, each Ontario public hospital that performs surgical procedures is mandated to report to the MOHLTC, according to the reporting schedule outlined in the attached Appendix, a number of data elements regarding surgical safety checklist compliance using either the Surgical Efficiencies Target program reporting system (SETp) or the Ministry's Web-Enabled Reporting System (WERS). These data elements are outlined in the attached Appendix which also includes further details on case definition, indicator calculation and case reporting thresholds.

Hospitals participating in SETp will not be required to duplicate data submission for patient safety reporting through WERS.

If you have questions or require further clarification on the reporting details, please contact the Ministry's Health Analytics Branch, at PatientSafety.MOH@ontario.ca for assistance.

Sincerely,

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