

South Georgian Bay Community Health Link partners will apply the de-identification policy when protection of the patient's identity has been identified as a requirement.

Currently this applies to, but is not limited to, documents preparing for the Think Tank and the presentation of a Patient story at the Think Tank

ACTION NEEDED:

Remove the specific data elements listed below and determine there is no other information that may identify the individual. The data elements to be removed are:

- Names (of patient, family members and informal caregivers)
- Street address
- Geographic subdivisions smaller than the first three digits of the postal code
- Date of birth
- Current age (to be replaced by age at Jan 1 of relevant year of extract)
- Phone numbers
- Fax numbers
- Electronic mail addresses
- Social Insurance Numbers
- Health card record number (replaced by encrypted HCN)
- Full face photos and comparable images
- Any unique identifying number, characteristic, code or quasi-identifiers, or combination thereof