

Personal Health Information Protection Act

As a Health information Custodian, ADAPT is bound by the Personal Health Information Protection Act (PHIPA, 2004), to protect your privacy and rights for the information that ADAPT collects in the course of providing you services and keeping records of the personal health information that you share. PHIPA establishes rules for the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information and includes provisions that:

- require consent for the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information, with necessary but limited exceptions,
- require that custodians treat all personal health information as confidential and keep it secure,
- provide individuals with a right of access to their personal health information, as well as the right to correct errors,
- give individuals the right to withhold or withdraw consent to the collection, use or disclosure of personal health information or to expressly instruct custodians not to use or disclose their personal health information for health care purposes,
- establish clear rules for the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information for fundraising and marketing purposes,
- set guidelines for the collection, use and disclosure of personal health information for research purposes,
- ensure accountability by granting individuals the right to complain to the IPC about the practices of custodians and
- establish remedies for breaches of the legislation.

For more detailed information on PHIPA, please use this link that will answer many of the most frequently asked questions

<https://www.ipc.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/hipa-faq.pdf>