

SSC-Island Health PQI & SQI Committee Members Select Physician Co-Chair



Dr. Alex Hoechsmann

Dr. Alex Hoechsmann was recently appointed to the position of Physician Co-Chair for the SSC-Island Health PQI & SQI Committee. In this role, Dr. Hoechsmann will work collaboratively with Island Health co-chair Kristine Votova, PhD (Director, Medical Staff Quality, Analytics and Clinical Improvement), to provide oversight to the Physician Quality Improvement (PQI) and the Spreading Quality Improvement (SQI) initiatives on the Island. Both PQI and SQI are supported by the Specialist Services Committee, a partnership of Doctors of BC and Ministry of Health.

Dr. Hoechsmann, an emergency physician, has been with Island Health since 2012 (after completing a family practice residency in Victoria in 2003, EM residency at St Paul's in 2004, then working for 8 years in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories). He has been an integral physician voice for the Island Health PQI program since 2019 when he joined the team as a PQI Physician Advisor, supporting and coaching physicians across the Island through a cohort learning model designed to enable physicians to acquire a set of QI methodological tools to address the short falls and support the strengths of our health care system and the people who make it happen.

In his new role as SSC-Island Health PQI-SQI Committee co-chair, Dr. Hoechsmann continues to build on his passion for QI. With the PQI program firmly established and the recent introduction of the SQI program, Dr. Hoechsmann notes, “doctors who work within our health system confront and identify problems within our system on a daily basis, problems that can lead to frustration and contribute to burn-out. With PQI and SQI, we have real opportunities to get paid time to address these problems with a proven, data driven, and often exciting approach. Being part of an initiative that is focussing on solutions has made me optimistic about what we can do when we put our minds and energy into it.”

Dr. Hoechsmann is based in Victoria and can be reached at Alex.Hoechsmann@islandhealth.ca.

Please welcome Dr. Hoechsmann as the Physician Co-Chair for the SSC-Island Health PQI & SQI Committee.