

Events

Originally scheduled for January and February 2022, the Specialists Symposium and Spreading Quality Improvement Congress were postponed due to the evolving extreme weather events and coronavirus pandemic. The SSC discussed options to host 2022 events in-person, virtually, or as a hybrid.

Alignment Opportunities

The committee heard about the Collaborative Structures Workshop, which was attended by members from the SSC and Joint Collaborative Committee (JCC) in January. They learned about network science and how it can support collaborative structures/networks, with an emphasis on the engagement of physicians and partners across the JCCs.

As well, the SSC discussed how it can better support physicians to access and leverage its programs and initiatives. The next phase of the SSC and Shared Care Committee's Centre of Excellence working group will include inviting Ministry of Health (MoH) and health authority (HA) representatives.

Joy in Work

Since 2019, about 70 physicians have completed the Joy in Work online training offered by Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI). To optimize the knowledge and successes of the training/concepts, new options to deliver the training were presented to the SSC committee.

The committee also discussed the adoption of the training as projects that have a focus on recognition/promotion or as integrated concepts that enhance project outcomes.

Also, Central Okanagan Hospice and Palliative Care presented its PQJ project as an example of adopting Joy In Work concepts; this project is selected for spread in the Interior region.

IHI National Forum 2021

In December 2021, 106 physicians attended the IHI's National Forum with Physician Leadership Scholarship funding. Of the physicians surveyed, 96% strongly agreed or agreed that participating in the conference was valuable use of their time.

Facility Engagement Initiative (FEI)

In December 2021, the FEI released an evaluation report on its impact and opportunities. There are 73 medical staff associations (MSA) with 6,506 members who participate across HAs. In 2020-21, there were about 530 engagement activities. Moving forward, key recommendations include:

- Continue engagement of medical staff and HA leaders and building of facility-level relationships MSAs and HAs.
- Identify opportunities to encourage regional MSA and HA engagement activities.
- Create a strong data collection strategy to better track and communicate the impacts of the FEI.

Discussions also included cultural safety and humility and regional spread of engagement and QI initiatives.

Measurement System for Physician Quality Improvement (MSPQI)

Developing a province-wide system to assess and improve quality of care and health system performance, the MSPQI's current key areas of work include:

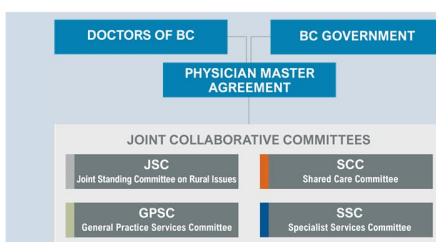
- A proof-of-concept for a subset of surgical measures.
- A set of initial measures for acute and emergency care and specialist and specialized care.
- A proof-of-concept and prototype for EMR data sharing.
- Continued preparation for enabling legal sharing of data between private practice physicians, HAs and MoH.

Health Authority Medical Leadership

Committee members discussed the challenges and opportunities to support medical leaders, particularly those holding part-time health authority medical leader roles. The SSC heard about opportunities to increase support with improved recognition and acknowledgement of the value of physicians who take on leadership roles.

Surgical Patient Optimization Collaborative (SPOC)

Wrapping up in 2021, SPOC 1.0 is now focusing on spread and sustainability; its teams have funding until March 2022. Starting in spring 2022, SPOC 2.0 has 17 site teams in all health regions, a new hybrid delivery model, and an updated toolkit.



The Specialist Services Committee (SSC) is one of four Joint Collaborative Committees (JCC) representing a partnership of Doctors of BC and BC Government. SSC aims to improve patient care by engaging physicians to:

- collaborate within the health system.
- lead quality improvement initiatives.
- deliver high quality services with SSC.