

### Committee Update

- Dr Elisabeth Baerg Hall was welcomed as a guest representing the Shared Care Committee
- Eric Young was welcomed as the new Senior Analyst to the Quality Impact team

### Co-chair Decisions

Co-chairs updated the Committee on decisions they made independently since the last meeting, including:

- SSC's January 2022 meeting will be a hybrid meeting at the Doctors of BC office
- Community-based specialists (CBS) will be provided access to [UpToDate](#) from funding allocated to CBS working group.
- Funding of up to \$5,000 in sessional funding from 2021/22 to support the engagement of specialists with PharmaCare.

### SSC's 15 year Anniversary

In recognition of its 15 year anniversary this November, SSC's past co-chairs were invited to the meeting, who reflected on their time at SSC and provided their advice to the Committee. An article summarizing the reflections can be found [here](#).

### SSC Meta Evaluation

The Committee received an update on the meta evaluation of the SSC covering the period from 2010 to 2021 performed by a third party evaluator. Two high-level findings included:

- SSC's strategic approach has developed/evolved over time.
- SSC has implemented a broad and deep set of initiatives that has reached thousands of physicians.

Read the full evaluation report [here](#).

### Surgical Services and Restart Strategy

An update was provided from a townhall conducted recently with a number of Specialist Sections to discuss the surgical renewal strategy. Solutions suggested at the townhall to alleviate the challenges of surgery in BC included the following:

- Acknowledge the surgery crisis in the province
- Empower local sites to implement local solutions
- Involve front-line workers & physicians
- Expand proven initiatives that improve efficiency (SPOC, ERAS, EA) - physicians are ready for this
- Identify structures/tables where stakeholders can problem solve and discuss options
- Identify goals/endpoints

SSC will try to incorporate these solutions and approaches to its work and will provide ongoing updates in future meetings.

### SSC Workplan & Budget

The draft SSC 2022/23 workplan and budget was presented and was approved in principle with a request to include the revised Doctors of BC administration fees, and the Facility Engagement budget and workplan.

### Specialist Symposium 2022

In partnership with Consultant Specialists of BC, SSC is hosting a full-day symposium *A New Day: Emerging Priorities in Specialty Care* on Friday, January 21, 2022 in Vancouver. Registration is open. [Get the latest event news](#).

### SSC Breakout Debrief and Specialty Team Based Care Project

The Committee was presented with a proposal to Test and Evaluate Actional Models of Care (TEAM Care Project) led by Dr Tommy Gerschman. The purpose of the project is to develop a sustainable framework to support those specialists who want to transform their practices to a model of specialist team-based care. The Committee decided to approve the use of one-time funding of \$145,000 in 2021/22 to support the assessment and development of a framework for specialty team-based care.



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.

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