

SPECIALIST SERVICES COMMITTEE (SSC) EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

STRATEGY

Strategy: SSC's goal is to improve patient care by working with specialists, health authorities, and other partners to support physician engagement and collaboration in the health care system, enabling health system improvement initiatives and supporting physicians with appropriate training, incentives, and resources.

KEY INITIATIVES



Increasing opportunities for facility-based physicians to have a meaningful voice in health authority decisions

- 72 out of 75 sites involved across BC, with 71 approved for full funding
- 4,339 physicians initiated more than 1,200 collaborative activities
- The initiative continued to evolve in response to medical staff association (MSA) needs, including strengthening relationships with colleagues, local administrators, and regional health authorities
- The influence of physician leaders representing the voice of medical staff gained prominence at many sites



Supporting a culture of continuous quality improvement through quality improvement (QI) training and resources for physicians

- Six health authorities have partnered with SSC to establish teams to support physicians in QI
- 435 physicians were trained in QI and over 200 physician-led QI projects were supported
- Physician QI had a strong presence at the IHI National Forum, including being a partner organizer of the reception for Canadian participants (shared funding by SSC and Shared Care) and hosting a half-day workshop, "Quality Improvement from the Ground Up"

QUALITY & INNOVATION PROJECTS

Supporting specialist-led projects to improve patient care

- 10 projects concluded, with 6 still in progress
- Over 60% of SSC quality and improvement projects funded have been sustained and/or spread including:
 - The Provincial Hip Fracture Redesign Initiative
 - The HEARTSMAP project, a psychosocial assessment and management tool designed for emergency department clinicians to guide child and youth mental health concerns.

EXPENDITURES (\$ millions) as of March 31, 2020

Total SSC expenditures for the year were \$67.8 million (including ongoing and one-time funds). Facility Engagement funding is protected and cannot be reallocated for other purposes.

