

COMMITTEE MEMBERS UPDATE

- The committee welcomed Dr Faisal Khosa, Radiologist as Doctors of BC Representative (Alternate)
- And said farewell to Dr Malcolm Ogborn from the Vancouver Island Health Authority, who is retiring.

GENERAL UPDATES

- The November 19 & 20 Physician Quality Improvement (PQI) Summit was assessed to be highly successful in achieving its goals. Next steps identified were: reviewing evaluation feedback, making the post-event material available online and spreading the word through communications channels.
- The Surgical Optimization initiative has started reaching out to sites as participants in its pilot phase. The pilot phase will start with 5-6 sites in January and the full program is planned to be launched in May of 2019. There is ongoing conversation with health authorities on how to plan for sustainability.
- Currently there are 11 active groups of specialists participating in the Enhancing Access Initiative. Due to growing interest, contact information of additional interested groups are being collected for future intakes.
- In regard to specialist involvement in Patient Medical Homes (PMH) and Primary Care Networks (PCN), SSC has ongoing discussion with the Ministry. A letter on behalf of SSC Co-chairs will be sent to specialists to update them on the current status of discussions to address the existing confusion/concern among the specialists.
- After graduating ten cohorts of physicians over the last six years, the SSC is supporting an impact evaluation of the Sauder Physician Leadership

Program. This will include interviews with physicians and health authority partners, and a survey of the 350+ physician graduates in January. Findings from the evaluation report will be shared by April 2019.

SPREAD & SUSTAINABILITY

- A presentation about how SSC is approaching spread and sustainability within Facility Engagement, PQI and the Quality & Innovation Projects was shared with the Committee. More work to develop specific plans for PQI will follow in the upcoming months.
- Information on [The Exchange](#), an on-line searchable database of SSC's quality improvement projects across BC was shared. The database currently includes 500+ projects across various SSC-funded initiatives.

ONE-TIME FUNDING

- A portion of the one-time funding was allocated to support activities until 2020/21 and another portion was designated to the health authorities. These activities will be determined by the working group composed of health authorities, the Ministry, and Doctors of BC, who will report back to the committee.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

- In an effort to ensure incorporating the committee's input in SSC's next three year strategic plan, a workshop was conducted which highlighted the best achievements so far, the challenges as well as the way forward. The results of the outcomes will be summarized and shared by SSC along with the results from other tables that are being engaged, and the SSC Symposium on January 18, 2019.



The Specialist Services Committee (SSC) is one of four Joint Collaborative Committees representing a partnership of Doctors of BC and the government of BC. 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

www.sscbc.ca | sscbc@doctorsofbc.ca