

### SSC Draft 2021/22 Work Plan

The SSC reviewed and approved the draft 2021/22 workplan for submission to the Physician Services Committee (PSC), which incorporates direction provided by PSC to the Joint Clinical Committees (JCCs).

PSC asked the JCCs to examine how **cultural safety and humility**, including consideration of traditional concepts of wellness and holistic care, can be incorporated into physician service delivery. In response, SSC will incorporate this into its workplan and in collaboration with other JCCs explore opportunities to address it.

The Committee also discussed the numerous aspects of health & wellness, the linkages with physician engagement, and the concept of physician burden. There was strong recognition of the value of the Physician Health Program (PHP). To ensure SSC initiatives do not duplicate but compliment PHP offerings, an integration of approaches may be needed. The SSC draft work plan will reflect the aligned approach.

### SSC Fees/SSC COVID-19 Fees

A summary report was brought forward regarding the impact of the new, SSC COVID-19 Fees on the overall fee portfolio utilization. As of Oct 31/20, utilization is up 19.4%. SSC will work with the Ministry of Health on whether funding for COVID-19 fees should be funded by SSC or MoH.

### Spread of SSC quality initiatives

The Committee reached an agreement on the definition, scope, roles, responsibilities, and allocation of \$1.7M divided equally per health authority from one-time funds to support the spread initiatives.

Further consultation with the health authorities including those who are not in agreement with the spread vehicles/governance, will be conducted and results will be shared at the next meeting.

### Updates:

IHI National Forum: SSC and Shared Care announced the sponsorship of up to 100 specialists and 100 family doctors to participate virtually in the IHI National Forum in December. Due to its urgency, this decision was made by the co-chairs of both the committees in between meetings. To date, 91 specialists and 61 family doctors have registered to participate. The Committee thanked Drs Gordon Hoag, Curt Smecher, and Frank Ervin who will be presenting at the Forum on ‘Igniting Physician Capability in Quality Improvement: A Model for Stakeholder Engagement.’

PPE Support during COVID-19 pandemic: MoH is creating a web portal that will be available by end of November for individual physicians to order PPE free of charge. In the interim, all physicians are encouraged to access PPE through their current sources and health authorities.

### Quality & Innovation Project

Dr David Evans presented the outcomes of his quality and innovation project Specialist Trauma Advisory Network of BC: A Provincial Strategy to Optimize the Management of Complex Trauma Requiring Specialized Care.

### Farewell to Dr Chow

The Committee thanked Dr Matthew Chow as the Co-chair for the last five years and for serving on many working groups and initiatives as part of the Committee. We wish him all the best in his next move as Doctors of BC’s President.



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