

ECBC Physician Reference Group Meeting

February 13, 2024

In attendance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Todd Ring-ECBC (<i>Co-chair</i>) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Aron Zuidhof – IHA (<i>Co-Chair</i>) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Korchinski - ECBC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jim Christenson – ECBC | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Craig Murray – FHA | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Eric Grafstein- VCH/PHC |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gord McInnes – Doc of BC SEM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Devin Spooner - NH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Corinne Hohl – VCH/PHC |
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Meeting Overview

The sixth meeting of the Emergency Care BC Emergency Physician Reference group occurred on February 13, 2024. Meetings will occur monthly on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 – 8:30 am.

The primary purpose of the Emergency Physician Reference Group is to foster knowledge exchange, collaboration, and networking amongst emergency physicians, MoH and HA emergency medicine leadership.

The EPRG aims to:

- Identify and understand current opportunities and challenges in the provision of emergency services across BC.
- Identify and understand issues core to emergency physician providers including issues pertaining to recruitment, retention, and provider wellbeing.
- Collaboratively identify gaps and prioritize solutions to current challenges in the provision of emergency care, including but not limited to emergency department overcrowding, health human resourcing (HHR), rural ED closure/diversion, and provider wellbeing.
- Identify key issues and priorities for First Nation communities who access emergency departments across BC.
- Identify key issues and priorities for rural and remote populations who access emergency departments across BC.
- Identify key issues and priorities for underserved groups who access emergency departments across BC.

Membership of the ERPG includes:

- ECBC Medical Director (Co-chair)
- ECBC Executive Director



- MoH Executive Director Acute Services
- Health Authority Emergency Medical Directors (Co-Chair)
- Doctors of BC SEM Rep
- RCCBC Rep
- 2 representative Emergency Physicians from each BC Health Authority including one urban and one rural provider
- Ad hoc members (at discretion of CO-Chairs and EPWG)

Items Discussed:

1. PA Conversation

- ensure consider the rural application.
- support for provincial approach.
- need for ECBC to support Associate Physician integration into ED's provincially.

2. UVCC

- Identified need for specialists to provide urgent follow up as needed.
- Question if LWBS patient virtual follow up was being included.
- Ray – connect with RTVS and NH virtual support, UPCC not working well to offload ED. Virtual first call for rural ED's to offload.
- Connect with Primary care/UPCC.
- Ensure learning from Britain's model are integrated. In particular from the patient experience data.

3. Form 5 Conversation

- Brief update: Further education and implementation on form 5 remains on hold as it is under review.
- Providing feedback to the ministry requesting a succinct provider education document to supplement the full version.
- Connect with Gord to consider support of a letter to key partners regarding Form 5 .

4. ED physician support and remuneration for ED EMR implementation

- Dawn Thomas, Specialist – connect with Dawn regarding physician admin burden in relation to EMR role outs.
- Good support for ECBC to continue advocacy for a provincial model that works across all size sites.
- Although some sites have lower volumes, physicians are often engaged in other activities such as walk-in clinics, inpatients, lab follow-ups, etc... so smaller sites need to be compensated as well.

- **Actions:**

- ECBC to review letter from SEM on Form 5 and consider partnering on the letter. Also supporting strategic contacts to receive the letter.

- Ensure ECBC is a key partner on Associate Physicians in the ED
- ECBC to partner in provincial conversations around ED physician remuneration and support during EMR roll outs or major updates

1. Future meeting topics:

- a. EMR and impact on ED providers
- b. Physician Associates/Physician Assistants
- c. APP contracts
 - i. Redeployment
 - ii. Physician schedules

ACTION LOG:

Action Description	Owner	Due Date	Notes/Comments
Share draft strategic action plan with EPWG when complete	Todd/Lori	Ongoing	
Share BC/AB Transport MOU details	Manpreet	Ongoing	
Work to develop a position statement from ECBC to support PMA negotiations.	Todd/Aron		
Connect with Ministry of Mental Health to determine role ECBC can play in facilitating this process including meeting with HA ED leadership teams, Doctors of BC SEM and Ministry of Mental Health/Ministry of Health.	Todd/Aron		
Present strategic action plan at upcoming EPRG meeting.	Todd/Lori		