

ECBC Physician Reference Group Meeting

March 12, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jim Christenson – ECBC | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Craig Murray – FHA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Eric Grafstein- VCH/PHC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Tony Kwan - IHA | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Monika Wojtera - FHA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Ka Wai Cheung - VCH/PHC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeffrey Beselt – FNHA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Justin Flynn - NH | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jeff Yoo – VCH/PHC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Gord McInnes – Doc of BC SEM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Devin Spooner - NH | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Corinne Hohl – VCH/PHC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Steven Fedder – Doc of BC SEM | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Markham – RCCBC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Drew Digney – VIHA |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manpreet Khaira – MoH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jel Coward - RCCBC | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Stefan Da Silva – VIHA |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garth Meckler – BCCH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Aimee Kernick |

Guest: Nick Withers, 24/7 Occupational & Emergency Medicine Solutions Inc.

Meeting Overview

The seventh meeting of the Emergency Care BC Emergency Physician Reference group occurred on March 12, 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 EPRG 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. Action Tracker Updates

- Lori to bring ECBC strategic plan back to the group.
- Manpreet will escalate DocBC letter for form 5.

2. Physician Assistant Presentation

- Nick Withers presented on “Introduction of Physician Assistants to British Columbia”
- Shared link to the current iteration of the College Bylaws – Health Professions Act (rev. 02 Jan 2024): [Search | College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC \(cpsbc.ca\)](https://www.cpsbc.ca/search)
- interest in role description, reach out if you want to participate in further discussion

3. Roundtable

- Feedback Questions:
 1. What do you feel can be done to ensure that as physicians, your voices are being heard by MoH/HA leadership, and that your thoughts and concerns are being considered when decisions are being made?
 2. Do you feel any changes, good or bad, have come out of the ERPG?
- Actions:
 - Feedback of these questions will support a Quality Improvement process that will be presented at the quality Forum in April.
 - ECBC to share poster with the ERPG once it has been completed.

4. Next Meeting

- Meeting Schedule – Survey will be sent to membership to confirm preferred meeting time: 7:30am or 12:00pm

- 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/present 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	Ongoing	Draft completed
Connect with Ministry of Mental Health to determine role ECBC can play in facilitating 4.1/form 5.1 process including meeting with HA ED leadership teams, Doctors of BC SEM and Ministry of Mental Health/Ministry of Health.	Todd/Aron	Ongoing	
Ensure ECBC is a key partner on Associate Physicians in the ED	Todd/Lori	Ongoing	
Partner in provincial conversations around ED physician remuneration and support during EMR roll outs or major updates	Todd/Lori	Ongoing	Seeking conversation with Digital/Informatics leadership in HA