

Perinatal Community of Practice

VISION STATEMENT

Families across BC receive timely, comprehensive and culturally safe access to care from preconception to two years postpartum

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Equip perinatal care professionals with relationships, knowledge, skills and tools to advance perinatal care across BC

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Cultural safety and humility and Indigenous-specific anti racism.
- Person- and caregiver-centered care
- Equitable access to perinatal care services as close to home as possible
- Evidence-informed and data-driven improvement
- Cross-sector collaboration
- Working in alignment with the Quintuple Aim

PRIORITIES

1 Inform Health System Improvements

Amplify perinatal care professional voices to inform system improvements in perinatal care across BC

2 Address Gaps in Perinatal Care

Enable perinatal care professionals to address gaps across the continuum, from preconception, through two years postpartum

3 Advance Perinatal Team-Based Care

Promote practice supports to perinatal care professionals and teams to facilitate seamless team-based care

4 Support Perinatal Care Professionals

Strengthen perinatal care professionals' relationships, clinical skills, knowledge, and ability to navigate available resources

OBJECTIVES

- + Identify improvement opportunities in perinatal care delivery through CoP member input and engagement
- + Contribute member voices and expertise at provincial tables on perinatal care to support health system planning as a trusted partner
- + Collaborate with partners to strengthen provincial, regional and local perinatal care planning and implementation
- + Maintain diverse steering committee and working group representation to identify emerging priorities and opportunities for system alignment
- + Provide guidance and expertise to SCC, JCC, and Doctors of BC teams to strengthen perinatal planning and initiatives

- + Advance member-identified priorities around health human resources and infrastructure support through collaboration with key system partners
- + Champion and support the inclusion of culturally safe and trauma-informed care into practice by working with key partners including First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and Indigenous Midwives Council of BC (IMCBC)
- + Work with medical program leaders to improve intrapartum care and newborn follow-up to two years of age in medical school curriculum and training, including NP and midwifery programs.
- + Provide expertise to support the development and implementation of the Maternity Services Strategy (MSS) and JCC Pregnancy and Newborn Care Portfolio priority projects

- + Support provincial efforts to identify and spread successful team-based care models and approaches based on member expertise
- + Promote relevant perinatal practice supports available to teams by working collaboratively with Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and Divisions of Family Practice
- + Champion inclusion of perinatal services in PCNs and support perinatal care providers to participate in PCN planning.

- + Host gatherings to foster provincial engagement, exchange ideas and knowledge, identify priorities, and spread innovative solutions
- + Deliver evidence-based learning opportunities in partnership with UBC CPD, Pathways BC and other partners to share best practices and improve awareness of existing supports and tools
- + Promote enhanced training opportunities including regional shared learning to perinatal health care professionals
- + Work with PathwaysBC, Perinatal Services BC, and other partners to improve gaps in existing perinatal care clinical pathways and guidelines
- + Explore asynchronous knowledge-sharing capability to promote informal spread of ideas and solutions among members

OUTCOMES

- + Increased health care professional leadership in system planning
- + Strengthened collaboration and decision making between health care professionals and provincial partners
- + Increased professional participation in provincial perinatal quality improvement
- + Increased identification and elevation of perinatal system challenges and opportunities

- + Strengthened provincial collaboration to advance perinatal priorities across the continuum of care
- + Strengthened integration of culturally safe and trauma-informed approaches within perinatal care, education, and planning
- + Increased health care professional involvement in provincial projects, collaborative planning, and system improvement initiatives

- + Increased health care professional awareness of interprofessional and team-based care models in perinatal care
- + Strengthened collaboration among perinatal health care professionals and partners
- + Increased integration of perinatal care approaches within PCNs to support continuity across transitions and coordinated care
- + Improved timely access to perinatal practice supports and navigation of available resources

- + Increased opportunities for interprofessional learning, engagement, and connection
- + Increased health care professional confidence to deliver perinatal care, navigate resources, and support coordinated care
- + Strengthened collaboration between health care professionals and partners to improve gaps in existing practice support resources

