



Getting to know the JCCs

Over 20 years ago, Doctors of BC and the Government of BC committed to a unique partnership—the Joint Collaborative Committees (JCCs)—to improve BC’s health care system.

The JCCs bring together doctors, government, health authorities, patients and families, health professionals, and other partners to improve patient access and quality of care, build physician capacity and integrate and coordinate system services.

The four committees comprising the JCCs—Family Practice Services Committee (FPSC), Specialist Services Committee (SSC), Shared Care Committee (SCC), and the Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC)—were created to support this shared goal, with funds allocated to the committees from the Physician Master Agreement (PMA), an agreement negotiated between Doctors of BC and the Government of BC.

Collaboration

This unique approach, the first of its kind in Canada, demonstrates how positive health care system change can happen through true collaboration. Working in partnership, representatives from Doctors of BC and the Government of BC provide joint leadership and shared accountability to each of the four committees. All work is grounded in the principles of quality improvement methodologies from the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and framed around their Quintuple Aim.

Distinct and Aligned

Each of the JCCs has its own distinct mandate and works to align and integrate efforts to improve care locally, regionally and provincially. They also support physicians in developing leadership skills so they can get involved to make a difference.

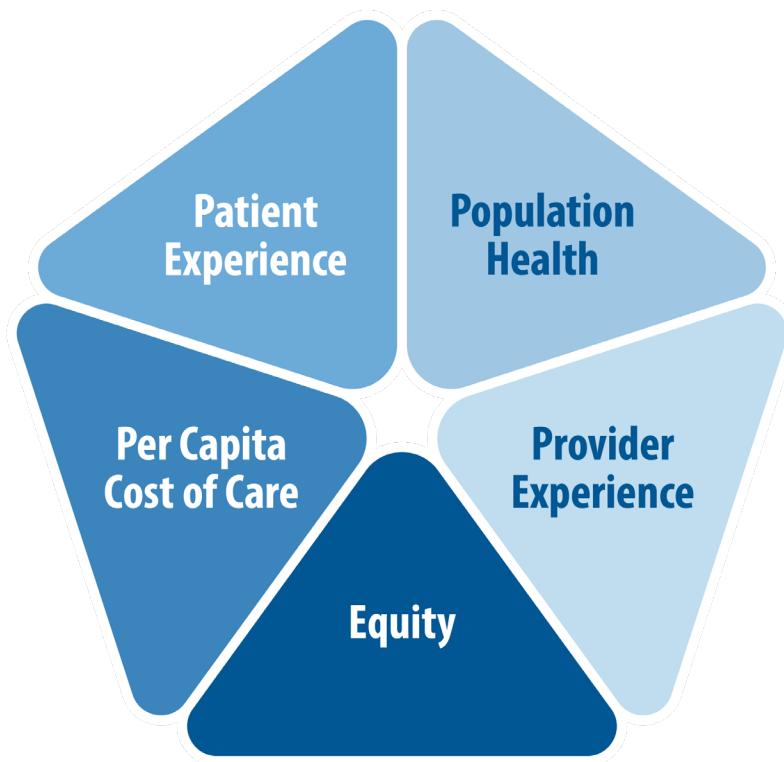
How Far We Have Come

More than 20 years later, this unique partnership continues to empower physicians to deliver the best possible care for their patients and offers them the opportunity to affect real improvements in the system in which they work.



A partnership of Doctors of BC and the BC Government





Our Principles

The JCCs work to understand the needs of patients, government and health authorities, the medical profession and key interest holders, including other health professionals, when making decisions. Their work is grounded in quality improvement methodologies and framed around the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI's) Quintuple Aim:

IMPROVE PATIENT EXPERIENCE

A key dimension of health care quality and patient experience is the comprehensive journey of all interactions between a patient and the health care system. It is understanding care from the patient and family perspective.

IMPROVE PROVIDER EXPERIENCE

A foundational element of high-performing health care systems is the providers' experience, particularly their interactions, workflows, and environments, which they must navigate in their professional roles. Supporting and valuing providers to deliver safe, high-quality care in a positive work environment is key.

REDUCE THE PER CAPITA COST OF CARE

Effective stewardship, with sustainable resource allocation and utilization in health care delivery and operations, ensures that care remains accessible and high-quality.

ADVANCE HEALTH EQUITY

Equity is essential for a just and effective health care system. It is the distribution of health opportunities, resources, and outcomes across populations, addressing barriers and disparities so that individuals and communities have fair access to care and the opportunity to achieve their best possible health.

IMPROVE POPULATION HEALTH

Translating system efforts into meaningful health improvements requires focusing on population and health outcomes, which are the behavioural factors, clinical indicators, physiological and mental health conditions that reflect the physical and mental well-being of individuals or populations.

Committees

The Committees are supported by physician leaders and government representatives, with partnership from health authorities, patients, families, and others who work collaboratively to co-design the current state and future direction of BC's health care system. Through this structure, the Government of BC and Doctors of BC work together to identify complex problems in BC's health care system, advance Indigenous-specific anti-racism and cultural safety, and create solutions with the goal of improving patient care.

Resources

The JCCs offer a range of resources that support family and specialist physicians to engage and lead in taking a quality improvement approach to co-create solutions, strengthen relationships, and transform the health care system.



Family Practice Services Committee

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The Family Practice Services Committee (FPSC), created in 2002, aims to strengthen comprehensive, longitudinal family practice in BC at multiple levels in the primary care system: the practice level (Patient Medical Home), community and partnership level (i.e. Divisions of Family Practice, Primary Care Networks, local and regional collaborative tables), and provincial level (i.e. policy, payments, and provincial clinical and coverage initiatives).



Specialist Services Committee

The Specialist Services Committee (SSC), created in 2006, strives to improve access to quality, patient-centred, and culturally safe specialty care. The SSC provides supports and resources to enhance specialist practice and their work environments, enable specialists to be change leaders in the health system, and support specialist care innovation.



Shared Care Committee

The Shared Care Committee (SCC), created in 2006, supports family and specialist physicians in improving the coordination of care from primary care to specialty care. SCC supports physicians and partners to work together on quality improvement projects, facilitates networks and communities of practice to advance health system improvement, and supports physician leadership development.



Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues

The Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC), established in 2001, advises the BC government and Doctors of BC on matters pertaining to rural medical practice. The goal of the JSC is to enhance the availability and stability of physician services in rural and remote areas of BC by addressing some of the unique and challenging circumstances faced by physicians.

Leadership

Training and compensation for physicians to develop leadership, quality improvement, and management skills and abilities.

Partnerships

Opportunities for physician collaboration on projects designed to improve patient care and build a stronger health care system through physician engagement, quality improvement, care coordination, and health care redesign.

Practice Improvement

Supports to help physicians optimize their practices, engage in team-based care, enhance the use of health technology, manage patient panels, and receive certification.

Physician Wellness

Supports to strengthen competencies, skills, and confidence, reduce isolation, loneliness, and stress, and improve psychological well-being.

Indigenous Specific Anti-Racism and Cultural Safety

The JCCs have individual and cross committee initiatives underway to proactively address Indigenous-Specific Anti-Racism in physician service delivery, strengthen the provision of culturally safe care, and improve the care of Indigenous Peoples.

Virtual Care

Resources to use information and communication technology to deliver care between a patient and a provider, or to communicate about the care of a patient between providers.

Priority Populations

The following priority populations have been highlighted by the Physician Services Committee, the oversight committee of the JCCs, for specific, targeted action. In addition to these populations, all of the JCCs consider the unique issues arising from rural practice when making decisions.

A number of initiatives have been developed and funded across the JCCs, including:

- Cancer Care
- Emergency Department Stabilization
- Maternity and Reproductive Care
- Mental Health and Substance Use
- Seniors Care
- Surgical Care

Themes

The work of the Joint Collaborative Committees can be broadly themed into these categories:

- We increase access to care.
- We create physician system innovators and change agents.
- We enable health system collaboration.
- We enable physician retention.

**These themes are enabled by our approach:
We empower physicians to transform patient care.**

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