

Background Information

WHAT:

- Facility Engagement (FE) is a first-of-its-kind provincial initiative committed to by BC health authorities in the 2014 and 2019 Physician Master Agreements (PMA).
- Aims to strengthen relationships, communication and collaboration between health authorities and hospital-based physicians in BC, and more effectively represent physician views in decisions that affect our patients and work environment.

WHY SHOULD PHYSICIANS / MEDICAL STAFF GET INVOLVED?

- To improve relationships and have more productive interactions with our colleagues, site leadership and the health authority.
- To be heard and involved in planning and decision-making.
- To provide the best care for our patients and feel more pride and satisfaction when we come to work.

HOW:

- Our Medical Staff Association (MSA) has created the Kelowna General Hospital Physicians Society (KGHPS), enabling us to receive and manage funds from the Specialist Services Committee (SSC), Doctors of BC to carry out FE activities at our hospital.
- \$500,000 annually for three years FY2016/17 to FY2018/19 and renewed for \$500,000 annually (gated funding) for three years FY2019/20 to FY2021/22.
- The new formal structure and funding gives our medical staff opportunities to voice priorities and identify and lead improvements through FE projects related to patient care and our work environment.
- The primary purpose of the KGHPS is to support planning for retreats, foster relationships between and amongst departmental members, and fund FE activities and projects.

OUR VALUES AND VISION, MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS:

Vision Statement:

Values

- Collaborative Physician Engagement
- Patient & Family Centered
- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Integrity, Respect, Trust
- Compassion

Vision

• Fully engaged and supported physicians with a meaningful voice in improving quality patient centre their working environment and the health system.





Mission Statement:

To increase physician engagement at the Kelowna General Hospital (KGH) by providing medical staff meaningful opportunities to participate collaboratively, to express their views, and to contribute to the development, prioritization and achievement of quality health programs and initiatives which have the ultimate goals of improving the quality of care for patients coupled with an improved working environment for the facility-based physician.

Strategic Goals:

Strategic Goal 1 | **COMMUNICATION**: Increase physician engagement through enhanced communication between physicians, departments, and KGH/Interior Health (IHA) administration.

Strategic Goal 2 | **ENGAGE**: Increase meaningful physician engagement and influence on health care delivery within KGH focusing on improving quality of care and enhancing physicians' work environment.

Strategic Goal 3 | **HEALTH & WELLNESS**: Promote physician health and wellness.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

• Visit the KGH Physicians Society website at www.KelownaPhysiciansSociety.ca or contact us at KGHPhysiciansSociety@gmail.com.

WHO IS INVOLVED?

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KGH Physicians Society Board of Directors (also Members of the Working Group)		
Department	Name	
Hospitalists	Dr. Joey Podavin, President	
Pediatrics	Dr. Candace Creighton, Vice President	
Surgery	Dr. Maurice Blitz, Past President	
Hospitalist Services	Dr. Deema Jassi, Secretary-Treasurer	
Obstetrics & Gynecology	Dr. Amber Burridge, Member-at-Large	
Emergency	Dr. Neil Long, Member-at-Large	

KGH Physicians Society Working Group Departmental Representation	
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BC Cancer Centre	Dr. Laura Callan
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Emergency Medicine	Dr. Neil Long
Family Practice	Dr. Jeanne Mace
Hospitalist Services	Dr. Courtney Carlucci
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Hospitalist Services	Dr. Joey Podavin
Laboratory Medicine	Dr. Bhupinder Johal
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Obstetrics & Gynecology	Dr. Amber Burridge
Pediatrics	Dr. Candace Creighton
Pediatrics	Dr. Mark Duncan
Psychiatry	Dr. Ingrid Douziech
Residents	Dr. Matt Lum
Surgery	Dr. Maurice Blitz
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FACILITY ENGAGEMENT
An SSC Initiative