Vernon Alliance Members Who's Who

The Vernon Alliance Group provides a one-stop opportunity to review, vet, fund and support physician project proposals received from any of the membership to identify collaboration opportunities, streamline processes, and reduce redundancy. This document aims to simplify what is normally a complex structure of project support.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING STRUCTURE (as of Dec 6, 2022):



FACILITY ENGAGEMENT (FE)	 Improves relationships/communication between medical staff and Health Authority administration. Improves relationships/communication amongst medical staff and departments within a facility. Improves physician consultation and collaboration in health care decision making. FE Link: facilityengagement.ca VJH Physician Society Link: vernonphysiciansociety.ca
An Initiative Of	SSC
Physician Group	Facility-based medical staff with privileges
Structure	Medical Staff Association/Physician Society and DoBC Engagement Partner
Activities	Project-based work
Funding	SSC, based on facility size

INTERIOR HEALTH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (QI)	Works with local, regional, and provincial teams to facilitate QI in driving system level improvements and reducing potential risk to patients by continually improving the safety and quality of care. Link: interiorhealth.ca/information-for/medical-staff/quality-and-patient-safety/quality-improvement#
An Initiative Of	Interior Health
Physician Group	Specialists and FPs
Structure	Under the IH Vice-President of Medicine & Quality's portfolio
Activities	Education/Training; supports/leads local/regional/provincial QI projects
Funding	IH via internal structure

PHYSICIAN QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (PQI)	 Works to shift the physician culture towards QI. Enhances physician capability/confidence in leading QI activities by providing targeted QI training, coaching, and opportunities to work on a QI project. Link: doctorsofbc.ca/managing-your-practice/quality-improvement/physician-quality-improvement-initiative
An Initiative Of	Joint SSC & Health Authority
Physician Group	Specialists and FPs
Structure	Joint Steering Committee – Health Authority-wide practicing physicians
Activities	Education/Training/Coaching; small scale applied QI projects and annual Cohort
	training
Funding	SSC, half for staff for sessional \$ and 10% for program cost via Health Authority

PRACTICE SUPPORT PROGRAM (PSP)	 Offers clinical and practice management learning opportunities facilitated within a QI framework. Supports full-service family practices with customized and adaptable services through clinic-based, physician-led QI projects. Supported by PSP Coaches and Peer Champions. Link: doctorsofbc.ca/managing-your-practice/quality-improvement/practice-support-program-psp
An Initiative Of	Doctors of BC (DoBC)
Physician Group	FPs practicing in clinics with dedicated Patient Panels
Structure	Regional PSP Coaches
Activities	Coaching, learning opportunities, and data-informed tools, supported by a team of practice improvement professionals including physician and MOA peer mentors
Funding	DoBC via Health Authority

SHARED CARE	 Supports projects involving FPs and specialists to bridge gaps in health care and provide a coordinated health care experience for patients. Link: sharedcarebc.ca
An Initiative Of	Shared Care Committee (SCC)
Physician Group	Specialists and FPs
Structure	Shared Care liaison by region (Interior Health)
Activities	Project-based work
Funding	SCC

SHUSWAP NORTH OKANAGAN (SNO) DIVISION OF FAMILY PRACTICE	 Non-profit society governed by local family practice physicians who identify areas to improve care of patients with its members and work with partners towards solutions and results. Gives member physicians a stronger voice in improving patient health care in our communities and provides opportunities to work with partners such as the Interior Heath Authority, Ministry of Health, FPSC, and other community organizations. Membership also includes retired physicians, medical residents, and specialists. Link: divisionsbc.ca/Shuswap-north-okanagan
An Initiative Of	FPSC (previously GPSC)
Physician Group	FPs
Structure	Non-profit society with Board Structure
Activities	Collaborative Services Committee (CSC), Community partnerships, project-based work, Primary Care Networks (PCN)
Funding	FPSC via Division structure

VJH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION	 Vision Statement: "Supporting excellence in healthcare in the North Okanagan." Partners with Interior Health and Medical Staff in funding prioritized healthcare needs. Raises funds for Long-term Care Facilities, Community Health Services, and Vernon Jubilee Hospital. Accepts, manages, and disburses funds to meet priority needs to enhance patient care. Link: vjhfoundation.org
An Initiative Of	Registered BC charity
Physician Group	Specialists and FPs as well as departmental managers
Structure	Board of Directors and Foundation staff
Activities	Targeted fundraising, project-based work
Funding	Donations, Grants, Radiothon, Charity Classic, and Light-A-Bulb