

Committees and Working Groups

The success of BC's renal programs and services depends on work undertaken across our network through a wide range of committees and working groups. The following is a list of current committees and groups.

Executive Committee

Provides strategic direction to BC's regional renal programs to ensure consistent delivery of services across the province.

Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)

Advises BCPRA on best medical practices within the provincial renal care community, and serves as a forum for physicians to discuss medical issues and care strategies.

Facilities and Equipment Planning Group (FEPG)

Facilitates planning processes and recommends priorities for capital facilities and equipment acquisition.

Information Management Council (IMC)

Provides strategic advice on information management processes and technologies to support kidney care, emphasizing increased PROMIS usage and quality and utilization of data.

Pharmacy and Formulary Review Committee

Determines the list of drugs most appropriate for the care of renal patients based on the best available evidence, and helps facilitate medication best practices across the province.

Innovative Approaches to the Management of Hemodialysis (IAMHD)

Provides overall direction to the groundbreaking, provincially-coordinated independent hemodialysis program, which includes both home hemodialysis and self-care hemodialysis within facilities.

PD Clinicians' Group

Enhances the education and implementation of best practices for peritoneal dialysis (PD) patients, and ensures the appropriate delivery of services through provincial contracts. Strategizes regarding new methods and techniques to improve the outcomes of PD patients, as well as to increase the number of patients on PD across BC.

Provincial Vascular Access Services Team (PVAST)

Works to improve vascular access care across BC, including developing provincial standards and supporting system changes. (Vascular access refers to the fistula or graft surgically inserted in a patient's body to allow easy connection between blood vessels and the dialysis machine.)

"We have more power as a province. We can make decisions as a whole group. We're working together and not competing."

—PD Case Manager

*“I sit on committees
because the work
is important to me,
either clinically or in
terms of allocation
of resources.”*

—Nephrologist

End-of-Life (EOL) Leadership Group

Works to improve end-of-life care for kidney patients by enhancing training for health care professionals and by helping health authority renal programs develop and implement strong end-of-life care in the renal setting.

CKD Clinicians’ Group

Works to improve pre-dialysis care across BC, including developing provincial standards and supporting system changes.

Professional Groups

- Biomed Technicians
- Dietitians
- Nephrologists
- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Renal Managers
- Social Workers



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