

Spine Health

The Spine Health Working Group is focused on developing a qualitative survey to help inform how low back pain is currently treated across the province. Patient educational materials are also being examined. A collaborative application by the Bone & Joint Health Strategic Clinical Network and the Neurosciences, Rehabilitation & Vision Strategic Clinical Network was awarded a Health Evidence Review by Alberta Health. The review is being coordinated by the Institute of Health Economics to conduct a Health Evidence Review for treatments of low back pain in Alberta. The review will support developing and implementing standards of practice for Spine Health.

MSK Case Rates

The MSK Transformation initiative will establish case rates that will facilitate cost-effective and readily accessible MSK services for Albertans. Analysis of claims data is providing evidence of MSK service utilization across shoulder, knee and spine conditions. Preliminary evidence suggests a high utilization of healthcare visits, with approximately 500,000 visits to medical offices each year for the three focus areas. Any MSK assessment providers interested in engaging on current state practices in support of the business case, please contact bonejoint.scn@ahs.ca.