

ESCN Clinical Governance Documents Working Group

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What is the Emergency Strategic Clinical Network™ (ESCN) Clinical Governance Documents Working Group (CGDWG)?

The need for harmonized clinical governance documents (CGD) in emergency departments (ED) and urgent care centres (UCC) has been identified by operational leaders across Alberta Health Services (AHS). Currently, there are hundreds of legacy CGD in effect (policies, procedures, protocols, and guidelines) created for individual sites and zones throughout Alberta. Harmonization is an endorsed priority area by the ESCN, with policy harmonization as a priority strategy. As such the ESCN CGDWG has been formed.

Who makes up the ESCN CGDWG?

The CGDWG has members from across the province and has Zone designated representation from ED's and UCC's (rural and urban) to create an efficient, effective and sustainable infrastructure to support the development, implementation and maintenance of provincial emergency clinical governance. We work directly with Policy Services, Health Professions Strategies & Practice, Pharmacy Services, Laboratory Services, and others in order to bring about effective harmonized provincial documents.

What work has been completed by the CGDWG?

As of January 2019, the CGDWG has completed more than 20 governance documents that span the province's ED/UCC's. The group continues to work on multiple new documents to meet the needs of our sites. This work continues to be a great need as we move to a single provincial clinical information system through the Connect Care program.

For more information on the work of the CGDWG, contact us via Emergency.SCN@ahs.ca.

