What is the Emergency Strategic Clinical Network™ (ESCN)?

The ESCN is a group of health care professionals working together with patient and family advisors from across the province to improve emergency services in Alberta. We seek to enhance the patient and family journey through emergency care from the time they seek care until the time the patient is discharged or admitted. We continue to look for new ways to make the best use of our resources, improve access to emergency care and make sure all Albertans receive high quality care in all of Alberta's Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centres (ED/UCCs).

Why does the ESCN exist?

The vision and mission reflect the ESCN purpose and serve as the compass guiding our work:

Vision: To build an inclusive network that supports the advancement of evidence informed emergency care for all Albertans.

Mission: To support quality patient and family centred emergency care driven by education, innovation and practice changing research through collaboration.

What work is under way?

Seeking to improve patients' and families' experiences in ED/UCC by improving provider/patient communication, timely patient access and quality patient care.

Collaborating with front line providers, Workplace Health and Safety, managers, and physicians to develop options to improve safety for health care providers, staff, patients and family members.

Improving Acute Care for Long-Term Care(LTC) Residents by seeking to reduce the number of transfers from LTC facilities to the ED.

Supporting work to standardize clinical content that supports best practice and evidence-informed clinical knowledge for all ED/UCCs.

Working with Zone leadership and Alberta's ED/UCCs to facilitate the timely offload of patients from Emergency Medical Services and transfer of patient care to the ED/UCC.

Our Scientific Office continues to focus on improving the quality of care, translation of knowledge and ensuring value for money in the area of emergency medicine through partnerships.

How to get involved

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