

Annual Report 2017

Executive Summary

Specialist Services Committee (SSC)

Annual Report 2017 - Period April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

STRATEGY:

SSC's goal is to improve patient care by working with specialists, health authorities and other partners to support physician engagement and collaboration in the health system, enabling health system improvement initiatives, and supporting physicians with appropriate training, incentives and resources.

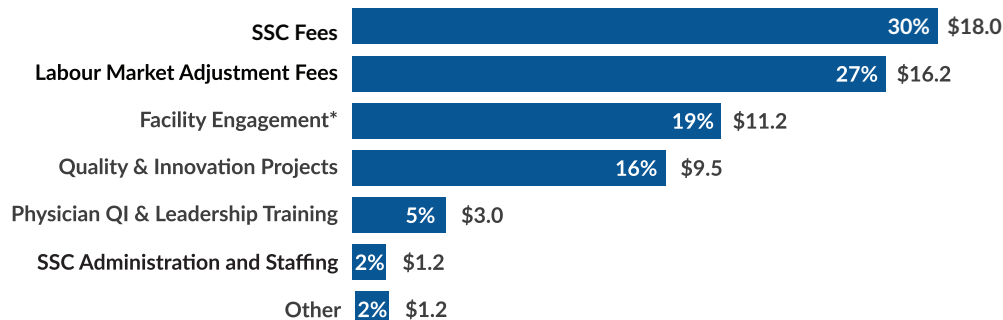
KEY INITIATIVES:



QUALITY & INNOVATION PROJECTS

Engaging facility-based physicians through funding and support of Medical Staff Associations (MSA)	Supporting physicians to acquire skills and experience in quality improvement (QI)	Supporting Specialist-led projects to improve patient care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 58 sites involved across BC, with 20 approved for full funding. Medical staff are being formally asked about their priorities, and have a formal structure in place where they can express their views and more importantly - be heard. Three-year evaluation plan developed to measure initiative's impact on physician engagement and relationship with health authorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six health authorities have partnered with SSC to establish teams to support physicians in QI. 20 dedicated technical staff hired to support physicians with QI training and their projects. 217 physicians participated in introductory QI training courses. 28 physicians participated in advanced training, along with undertaking QI projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six projects concluded, with 34 still in progress. Examples of outcomes from two projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14.4% reduction in emergency department visits (Project: Addition of Physician Triage to Reduce ED referral from 8-1-1 line). Reduced wait times for university students to see psychiatrist from 43 days to 10 days (Project: University of Victoria Psychiatrist-led Interdisciplinary Team).

Expenditures (\$ millions) as of March 31, 2017



Total SSC expenditures: \$60.3 million (includes on-going and one-time funds)
 * Facility Engagement funding is protected, and cannot be reallocated for other purposes.

