

BC Vascular Access Quality Working Group

Terms of Reference



Category	Description
1. Purpose & responsibilities	<p>The BC Vascular Access (VA) Quality Working Group will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utilize the provincial semi-annual Vascular Access Indicator Report to identify provincial (1) areas of strength; and (2) opportunities for improvement. 2. Provide a forum for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing VA best practices across HAs, with a goal to reduce inter-HA variability where appropriate. • Reviewing and discussing emerging literature on VA and updating provincial VA recommendations and guidelines. • Discussing and collaborating on potential studies to improve VA care. 3. Prioritize opportunities for improvement in VA care across HAs, with the goal to triage actions to appropriate groups (e.g., Hemodialysis (HD) Committee, Kidney Care Clinic (KCC) Committee, Peritoneal Dialysis (PD) Committee, Vascular Access Educators Group, Renal Educators Group, BC Renal Research Group). In some cases, task-specific working groups may be established.
2. Membership	<p>Core membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical VA/Hemodialysis Leads (1-2 per HA) • Vascular Access Nurses (1-2 per HA) • BC Renal (BCR) Data Analytics Representative(s) <p>Chair: Nephrologist Committee Support: BCR Project Manager</p> <p>Ad hoc membership to be invited as relevant to topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality/Data Management Leads (up to 1 per HA) • Directors/Managers responsible for KCC or HD • Renal Educators • KCC Committee Rep • PD Committee Rep • Post-transplant Clinic Rep • Patient partner(s) • Others as appropriate <p>Note: While the membership is relatively “open,” the discussions will be clinically focused and most relevant to front-line clinicians.</p>
3. Reporting Relationships	<p>VA Quality Working Group reports and is accountable to the BC Hemodialysis Committee.</p> <p>VA Quality Working Group works collaboratively with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vascular Access Educators Group (VAEG) • Renal Educators Group (REG)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCC and Modality-specific Committees
4. Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1: Up to 6 meetings, virtually • Year 2 and onwards: Twice per year, virtually (timing will be after distribution of semi-annual VA Indicator Report) • Ad hoc meetings at the call of the Chair
5. BCR Staff Support	<p>BC Renal will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project management support. Estimated at 6 days/year. • Statistical support and analytics. Estimated at 26 days/year. • Logistical support related to meetings (may be done by the Project Manager or Administrative Assistant): Estimated at 2 days/year (4 meetings).