

BC Renal Vascular Access Educators Committee

Terms of Reference



Category	Description
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote excellence in the delivery of Vascular Access (VA) nursing care in BC through provincial standardized approaches to practice, educational resources, and supportive networking. 2. To make recommendations to the Hemodialysis Committee (HD) on provincial strategies for promoting equitable access to high quality, timely, patient-centred VA care.
<p>2. Responsibilities</p>	<p>Develops, reviews and updates provincial VA nursing related guidelines and patient education and staff materials.</p> <p>Upon request of the Hemodialysis Committee, develops, reviews and updates provincial VA non-nursing specific related guidelines (e.g., surgical wait times, vein preservation). Submits to the Hemodialysis (HD) Committee for approval.</p> <p>Shares strategies for implementing new and changing practices in VA nursing care within HAs.</p> <p>Serves as a conduit and provides advice to Health Authority (HA) Renal Programs and the Hemodialysis (HD) Committee on new, emerging, or unresolved VA nursing related issues.</p> <p>Actively engages in knowledge exchange and promotes standardized VA nursing practices across the BC renal network and in respective Health Authorities.</p> <p>Reviews bi-annual Vascular Access Indicator Reports and makes recommendations to the Hemodialysis Committee and PROMIS.</p> <p>As requested by BC Renal contracts team and/or the Hemodialysis Committee, reviews VA related supplies/products/equipment (new or substitutes) and makes recommendations to the HD Committee for provincial adoption (or not) (in collaboration with the Renal Educators Group – REG).</p> <p>As requested by the HD Committee, reviews VA related incidents and makes recommendations to the HD Committee for preventing reoccurrences (in collaboration with REG).</p>

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2. Deliverables	<p>Identifying, creating and maintaining provincial Vascular Access nursing related guidelines and staff and patient education materials.</p> <p>Sharing of VA related practices and initiatives at the regional/local VA program levels. Including championing new and updated guidelines and patient and staff teaching tools.</p> <p>Recommendations on VA related supplies/products/equipment to the HD Committee.</p> <p>Identifying and providing recommendations to prevent reoccurrences of VA related incidents to the HD Committee.</p>
3. Role of Chair	<p>Nurse/clinician with Hemodialysis and or Vascular Access training.</p> <p>Ideally a 3 year term with possible 3 year extension.</p>
4. Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Vascular Access Coordinators • Minimum one nurse from each BC HA • Clinical Nurse Specialist(s), with an interest in VA • Renal Educator(s), with an interest in VA • Data Quality Representative(s) • Renal Managers/Directors • BC Renal Project Manager • BCR Administrative Support • Ad hoc members including, infection control, PROMIS staff etc...
5. Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountable to the BCR Hemodialysis (HD) Committee. • Reporting out occurs at the HD Committee meetings. • Works closely with Vascular related sub-groups. • Collaborates with the Planetary Health Working Group, Hemodialysis Emergency Support Team (HEST) Group, Renal Administrators Committee, Home Hemodialysis Committee and other BC Renal groups and Committees as required.
6. Meetings/Communication tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams meeting every 2 months (or 4-6 times per year). • Email communications in between meetings. • Teams channel between meetings. • If resources allow, once a year face to face meeting.

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