PHYSICIAN ENGAGEMENT IN HEALTH TECHNOLOGY SESSIONS - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Summary
This document provides answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Doctors Technology Office (DTO) Physician Health Technology Advisory Sessions which connect physicians and stakeholders in IM/IT related projects and programs across BC.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do physicians have to attend all sessions?
Only attend the session topics you are interested in. We are looking to engage community physicians who are interested in a particular topic. An invite with topic and overview will be sent out for each event.

Will physicians be paid to attend?
Sessional funding is available for physicians to attend the sessions and a sessional form will be sent out after attendance with a short survey.

Are these sessions only for physicians?
At this point, we are engaging physicians interested in giving feedback on projects/programs needing clinical engagement. The webinars are designed so that physicians have some protected space to give feedback and be engaged by stakeholders in health technology.

GPs or specialists?
All GPs and specialists are invited to attend but some topics may be of more interest to a community-level group or a group in a specific location.

Will CME be offered?
We will not be formally offering CME credits for physicians attending the sessions due to pace of changing topics and focus on dialogue vs. education. Physicians are able to earn credits through “Linking Learning” exercises. Click here for more info.

What are the session topics?
These sessions will vary on topic depending on the program needing feedback on pressing issues or raised from topics physicians would like addressed. Invites and topics are shared as soon as they are known but often only known a few weeks in advance.
How long are the sessions and when?

Sessions are one hour long, online and held at least once a month (or more frequency if pressing issue) on Wednesdays from 7am – 8am.

Each session follows the same format:

- 10 mins – Welcome & Introductions
- 20 mins – Presentation & Overview
- 20 mins – Discussion & Feedback
- 10 mins – Wrap up & Next steps

Can a physician be paid if they only attend a portion of a session?

The minimum time to be paid for attendance is 30 minutes, after that physicians can be billed in increments of 15 minutes.

Are these sessions local or provincial?

Sessions are offered as a provincial online event. If there is local/regional interest, we can look into needs and adjust as necessary.

What if I cannot attend but want to get involved?

Physicians are welcome to register their interest for a session (even if you cannot attend). A summary of each webinar will be sent out to physician groups with information how to get involved if interested.

Is information on past sessions available?

Summary information on past sessions is available on the Doctors Technology Office website. Physicians are welcome to contact DTO for more information on past webinars.

Are PSP and Provincial Divisions Office (PDO) involved?

PSP and PDO both sit on the IM/IT Clinical Advisory Working Group and collaborate on feedback, ideas and interests for topics.

What is the IM/IT Clinical Advisory Working Group?

The IM/IT CA WG serves in an advisory capacity to each of the Joint Clinical Committees and the Doctors of BC on all matters IM/IT related that impact clinical workflow and decision-making in practice, particularly in relation to physician practice in the community setting.

What is DTO?

Doctors Technology Office is an initiative of the General Practice Services Committee (GPSC), one of four joint collaborative committees that represent a partnership of the government of BC and the Doctors of BC. DTO also
includes supports to physicians at the clinic practice level to assist them in best practices around use of technology in an office setting, privacy and security issues, and EMR technical and networking issues.  Click here for more information.

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