

DOCTORS OF BC-WORKSAFEBC PROJECTS AND INNOVATION COMMITTEE

2015 GUIDELINES FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS

1. Introduction

Under the terms of the 2012 Agreement between the Doctors of BC and WorkSafeBC, the Projects and Innovation Committee develops, implements and evaluates pilot projects aimed to improve the disability management of injured workers.

2. Eligibility

All physicians and employees of either the Doctors of BC or WorkSafeBC may submit project ideas. Physicians can submit either individually, or through a group practice, department, or Doctors of BC section.

3. Criteria

Project ideas should meet at least one of the committee's strategic objectives as follows:

- Improving the quality of care of injured workers (i.e., clinical outcomes, timeliness, efficiency)
- Improving early return to work outcomes for injured workers
- Maximizing functional abilities for injured workers
- Minimizing disability for injured workers
- Improving administrative processes between physicians and WorkSafeBC for better outcomes

4. Process and Timelines

The Projects and Innovation Committee will conduct the application process in the following three stages.

Stage 1 – Initial Review and Screening	Timeline
All interested applicants must submit an application that identifies the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the problem/opportunity that the project addresses;• a project description; and,• intended outcomes.	<u>Submission Deadline: June 1, 2015 at 11:59pm</u>

Projects and Innovation Committee reviews and screens applications. Applicants may be contacted for additional information and clarification. All applicants will receive a response on the status of their applications.	Target: June, 2015
Stage 2 – Business Case Development	
Applications proceeding to Stage 2 will be developed into business cases by the Projects and Innovation Committee staff support, in consultation with the applicant.	Target: Summer 2015
Stage 3 – Approval and Implementation	
Projects and Innovation Committee reviews the business cases and selects the pilot projects for implementation.	Target: Fall/Winter 2015

5. Budget and Use of Funding

Budget for proposals. There is no budget limit for individual pilot projects. The number of pilot projects accepted will depend on the total budget of the approved applications and the overall merit of each application.

Physician participation in pilot projects. Where appropriate, WorkSafeBC shall fund physicians participating in the development and implementation of pilot projects either on a sessional or a pilot fee-for-service basis as determined by the Projects and Innovation Committee.

Eligible use of funding. Project funding can be used for the following:

- non-clinical supports (e.g., administrative, project management)
- infrastructure
- allied health professionals
- evaluation
- new fees
- increases in current fees

Project sustainability. If after implementation of the pilot project, the benefits gained through the project are not to the satisfaction of WorkSafeBC, WorkSafeBC is under no obligation to implement further phases following the pilot project.

If WorkSafeBC deems the pilot project successful and desires further implementation, WorkSafeBC shall propose a fee-for-service schedule to the Doctors of BC for negotiations prior to the implementation of the new fee-for-service item if required.

6. Submission and Contact Information

Project applications may be submitted either by email, fax or mail to:

Cindy Myles	F: 604 638 6054
115-1665 West Broadway	E: cmyles@doctorsofbc.ca
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Applicants requiring further information may contact Cindy Myles by phone at 604-638-2834 or cmyles@doctorsofbc.ca.