

Pan-SCN Update – Summer 2019

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We hope you are all enjoying the summer so far and that you are finding time for some fun and relaxation. It is an exciting time in the Strategic Clinical Networks™ (SCNs) with lots of great work going on.

The [Patient Engagement Reference Group \(PERG\)](#) is pleased to welcome back Garry Laxdal in his second term as PERG Co-Chair. Garry was the successful candidate in the spring PERG Co-Chair election. We look forward to continuing to work with Garry to enhance patient and family engagement within the SCNs.



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In our SCN world, some great work has been completed:

- The **SCN mission statement** was co-developed through a series of consultations with a number of stakeholders, including SCN patient and family advisors and staff. It reflects the values of our team and stakeholders. We are excited to share the new SCN mission statement with you:

Improving the health of Albertans by bringing together people, research and innovation.

- The **Improving Health Outcomes: SCN Retrospective** report provides a compilation of several of our SCN successes over the past six years. As leaders, we feel it is important to take time to reflect on what has worked well as we continue to work together to create a high performing and sustainable health system. We invite you to view the [full report](#) or the [at-a-glance summary](#).
- In addition to looking back and reflecting on what we have learned, it is also important to have a vision for the future. The **SCNs Past, Present, Future** report identifies seven areas of focus and an action plan for the networks over the next five years.



As we reflect on where we have been and where we would like to go, patient and family engagement has been and will continue to be at the forefront of everything we do in the SCNs. The success we have achieved would not have been possible without the time, effort, and dedication of our patient and family advisor partners. We would like to thank you for collaborating with us to improve the health care system for the people of Alberta and we look forward to partnering with you moving forward.