

A HANDY LIST OF ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	MEANING	NOTES
AGM	Annual General Meeting	
CME	Continuing Medical Education	
CMPA	Canadian Medical Protective Association	
COS	Chief of Staff	
CSC	Collaborative Services Committee	Committee comprised of Health Authority and Division of Family Practice representatives. https://divisionsbc.ca/north-shore/collaborative-services-committee
Divisions	Division of Family Practice	https://divisionsbc.ca/
DoBC	Doctors of BC	https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/
DTO	Doctors Technology Office	Technology program funded jointly by Doctors of BC and BC Government through the GPSC. https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/managing-your-practice/doctors-technology-office-dto
FE	Facility Engagement	facilityengagement.ca
FEI	Facility Engagement Initiative	
FEMS	Facility Engagement Management System	Financial software tracking system for claims.
FESC	Facility Engagement Services Company	Legal entity separate from Doctors of BC for purpose of holding and transferring funds on behalf of the MSA who are members.
FPSC (GPSC)	Family Practice Services Committee	Joint collaborative of BC Government & Doctors of BC that works on behalf of doctors to strengthen full-service family practice and patient care in BC. Previously called the General Practice Services Committee (GPSC). https://fpscbc.ca/
GMS	General Medical Staff	
HA	Health Authority	
HAMAC	Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee	Advisory committee to a health authority's Board of Directors.
HSA	Health Service Area	A geographic region defined for the purpose of organizing and delivering healthcare services. HSAs are nested within larger regional health authorities and are used to manage services more effectively.
IH	Interior Health	
IHA	Interior Health Authority	Now known only as IH (Interior Health).
JCC	Joint Collaborative Committees	Partnership between Doctors of BC and BC government. Four JCC's currently exist: FPSC, SSC, SCC, and JSC. https://www.collaborateonhealthbc.ca/

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JSC	Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues	Committee comprised of representatives from Doctors of BC, the Ministry of Health, and the health authorities that advises the BC government and Doctors of BC on matters pertaining to rural medical practice. https://www.collaborateonhealthbc.ca/committees/joint-standing-committee-on-rural-issues/
LFEC	Local Facility Engagement Committee	
LMAC	Local Medical Advisory Committee	Advisory committee established by RMAC at individual sites within their operating area.
MAA	Medical Administrative Assistant	
MAC	Medical Advisory Committee	Same as an LMAC
MEC	Medical Executive Committee	
MHSU	Mental Health and Substance Use	
MOH	Ministry of Health	
MRP	Most Responsible Practitioner	
MSA	Medical Staff Association	
OHSA MAC	Okanagan Health Service Area Medical Advisory Committee	
PCN	Primary Care Network	A clinical network of physicians and other providers in a geographical area.
PE	Physician Engagement	
PIPA	Protection of Information and Privacy Act	
PMA	Physician Master Agreement	
PQI	Physician Quality Improvement	An initiative of the SSC that addresses gaps in quality structures relating to physician participation in QI activities and ensures those physicians have adequate dedicated technical supports (i.e. data analysts, quality improvement advisors, etc.) https://sscbc.ca/physician-engagement/quality-improvement-initiative
PSP	Practice Support Program	An initiative of the GPSC that supports doctors to build capacity in their clinical practices, enabling them to practice more efficiently and focus more on clinical care and patient relationships, and adopt attributes of the patient medical home in BC. doctorsofbc.ca/managing-your-practice/quality-improvement/practice-support-program-ppsp
QA	Quality Assurance	
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RMAC	Regional Medical Advisory Committee	Advisory committee established at each of IH's four Health Service areas.
SCC	Shared Care Committee	Joint collaborative of BC Government & Doctors of BC to support family and specialist physicians in working together to improve the flow of patients between primary and specialist care in BC. sharedcarebc.ca
SNO	Shuswap North Okanagan Division of Family Practice	https://divisionsbc.ca/shuswap-north-okanagan
SSC	Specialist Services Committee	Joint collaborative of BC Government & Doctors of BC supporting specialist physicians to develop leadership and quality improvement skills and engage physicians & partners in improving key patient care and health system priorities as delivered by specialist physicians. https://sscbc.ca/
UBC	University of British Columbia	
VJHPS	Vernon Jubilee Hospital Physician Society	https://www.vernonphysiciansociety.ca/

