

Strategic Plan At A Glance – Phase II

BACKGROUND

The following are key impacts from phase I which we continue to build on:

- Pan-provincial agreement on (1) the definition of clinical health research, (2) provincial clinical health research training recommendations, (3) common research records retention policies, and (4) Alberta-relevant metrics and key performance indicators for provincial reporting on capacity, efficiency and quality in clinical health research
- Co-development and release of tools to assist in the set-up of clinical health research including (1) the Researcher Toolbox containing over 30 tools and templates, and (2) the Alberta Clinical Research Roadmap, an online interactive tool
- Increased sharing, leveraging and reporting on research administration approvals

Embarking on Phase II of the initiative, the ACRC has engaged stakeholders through interviews, surveys and informal opinion gatherings to inform strategic priorities for the next two years.

WHO WE ARE

The ACRC is a partnership between academic, health systems, and community-based researchers and administrators represented by **Alberta Health Services**, **Alberta Innovates**, the **College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta**, **Covenant Health**, the **University of Alberta**, the **University of Calgary**, and the **Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit**.

WHAT WE DO

Together, we are working to develop ways to improve the efficiency, alignment and integration of processes that support clinical health research in Alberta. All ACRC projects are built upon the foundational principles of collaboration, best practice, simplification, coordination and accountability.

WHY WE DO IT

Helping to create efficiency and training opportunities within the clinical health research community means researchers and their teams can focus on research while maintaining an exemplary level of quality, cost effectiveness and speed. Streamlined processes will provide a clear and easy approach to conducting clinical research. This, in turn, will make research more accessible. An increase in quality clinical health research in the province benefits the health and well-being of all Albertans.

Participate in the Alberta Clinical Research Consortium today.

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Use the Alberta Clinical Research Roadmap to navigate your way through clinical research
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HOW WE DO IT

The following three strategic priorities and five enabling actions form the ACRC in its second phase. The proposed activities will be tackled through partnerships with like-minded organizations and initiatives.

1. Improve the efficiency of clinical research administrative processes across the province:

- Align administrative processes, services and resources to the Alberta Clinical Research Roadmap
- Public facing platform describing study outcomes in plain language
- Paperless study management tools and templates
- Exemplar case studies for the set-up of multi-site studies
- Second ACRC survey of stakeholder views, experiences and satisfaction with administration processes in Alberta

2. Engage industry, funders, senior leaders, the public and community physicians to increase opportunities for Alberta clinical health researchers and patients:

- Create opportunities and events to showcase and build partnerships between clinical health research stakeholders
- Identify the opportunities and challenges for industry (sponsors) of clinical health research in Alberta
- Tools, templates and events aimed at increasing capacity for clinical health research in community settings

3. Identify the enabling actions, assets, resources and infrastructure for sustainable, integrated clinical health research:

- Key informant interviews with clinical health researchers and staff
- Inventory of clinical health research program assets, resources and infrastructure

Five enabling actions support these priorities including a provincial approach to common terminology, communication strategies, information management systems promoting seamless exchange of information, training recommendations and robust program evaluation and metrics.

ACRC's Path to Clinical Health Research Success

