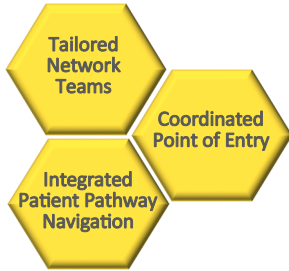


## Health Networks

Health networks are collaborative teams of health professionals, including physicians, and community partners providing fully integrated services to meet the health needs of individuals and communities.



### Benefits of Health Networks:

- Improved access and continuous care
- Shortened hospital lengths of stay, and Emergency wait times
- Local physician leadership is supported and provider satisfaction improved
- Culturally safe and appropriate care
- Improved connections with First Nations and Metis communities
- Agility to evolve to meet panel needs

## Supporting Physicians Through Information Sharing

With support of the Health Quality Council, physicians can access health data to support understanding their patient population. This information can be used to inform planning and support physicians with improvement opportunities. The data is confidential and although only available to physicians, the goal is to share this information with network colleagues to validate and inform priorities to work collaboratively. Learn more at [saskhealthquality.ca](http://saskhealthquality.ca).

## Strategically Integrating Services

Primary care services play a vital role in improving patient outcomes. Integrating these with physician care requires collaboration amongst providers, patients and families. Sharing workspace in the primary care setting will enable team-based care in much the same way as collaborative rounding in acute care settings.

### Co-location

Done strategically, locating select primary care services within private clinics will:

- Increase physician capacity
- Improve the quality of care transitions
- Increase satisfaction for patients, clinic staff, and practitioners
- Expand access to care
- Improve patient outcomes

## Collaborative Leadership is Required

Achieving the rewards of co-locating for the purpose of team-based care requires that we work together to:

- Align the services to the clinic's patient panel
- Measure the impact to capacity, satisfaction and outcomes
- Continually improve the alignment, interactions and processes

## Questions?

Contact your local Area Department Lead, Medical Health Officer or one of the Executive Directors of Primary Health Care for your area.

### Working Together to Provide Team-Based Care

The SHA is invested in working together with physicians and communities to provide seamless care for the people of Saskatchewan.

