

# COPD Pathway

## Provincial Update - April 2026

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### Background

One of the first Provincial Clinical Networks (PCN) to advance in the SHA is Chronic Disease with a focus on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). This work is under the leadership of Dr. Erika Penz, Dr. Darcy Marciniuk and Patricia Comfort.

The first priorities of the COPD Pathway are testing, hospital care, and hospital transitions.

### Implementation Information

- Review and implement pathway tools within your network
- Ensure there is a process in place for old referral forms
- Ensure audit processes are in place for acute care bundle tracking (90 COPD admissions per network once live)
- Participate in upcoming WebEx knowledge-sharing sessions

### Updates—Spirometry

- **Provincial Spirometry Staffing and Service Plan** Approved and local implementation underway
- **Acute Care Bundle** being revised
- **Referral Form** has been updated as of April 1, 2026
- **Clinical Procedure for Spirometry** approved; procedure and associated work standards shared provincially through WebEx sessions (February–March)
- **Spirometry** results will feed into eHR Viewer and be viewable in MySaskHealthRecord. Provincial implementation will occur incrementally and will support the provincial Quality Assurance program for testing and interpretation.

### Q4 Targets

- Spirometry Implementation: 100%**
- Referral Form Implementation: 100%**
- Acute Care Document Implementation: 70 %**

### Quality Assurance Program

- Quality Assurance Plan has been approved and is ready to implement
  - A robust Quality Assurance plan will support high quality testing, informed interpretations, minimized variation, improved client satisfaction, and confidence in the system
  - Provincial RT Senior position has been posted, now pending interview and hire
  - RT Senior will be instrumental in:
    - Supporting the province to upgrade software to align with spirometry testing to feed up to eHRViewer/My Sask Health Record
    - Performing audits bi-annually
    - Supporting ongoing education, and orientation
    - Supporting collaboration with external partners
    - Supporting information flow to the provincial data dashboard
- Provincial Dashboard Development**
- Phase 1 pilot sites focused on intake and referral form upload into EMRs, provincial implementation plan TBA

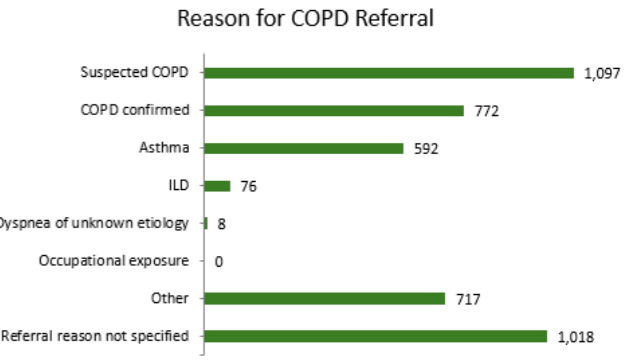
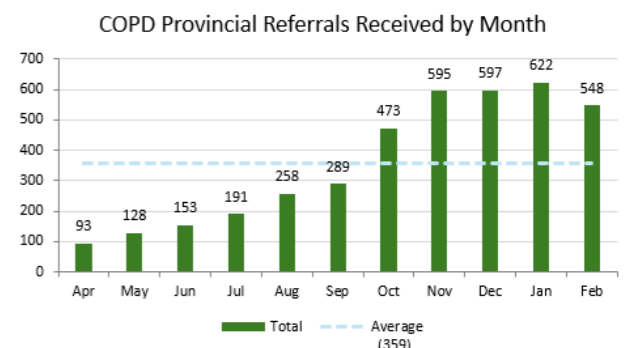
### Questions or Comments:

Send ALL questions to [Amy Reid](mailto:Amy Reid) via email and we will share all answers here!

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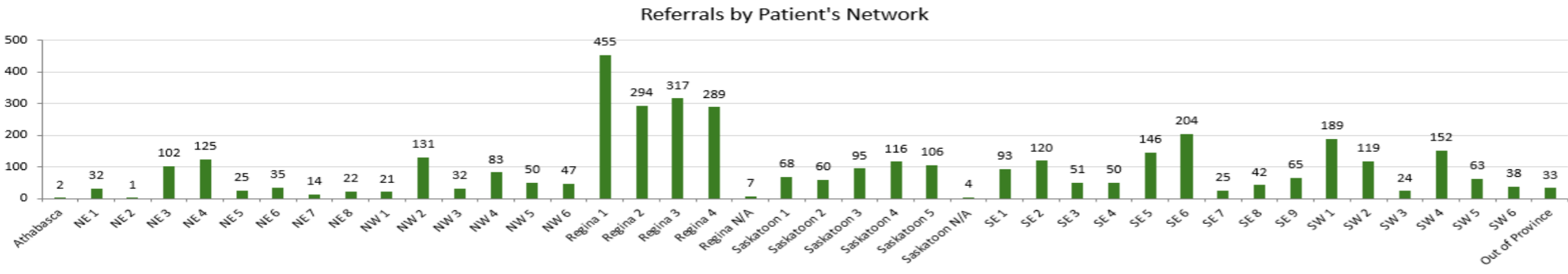
- **Next up! Launch of the Patient Facing Pathway!**

### Provincial Referrals



Note: more than one reason can be identified; therefore total exceeds number of referrals received in this reporting period.

### Referrals by Patient's Network



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