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# **EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK (WEBINAR)**

Do you have a desire to lead system change and truly make a difference?

The **Physician Leaders' Network (PLN)** was designed **BY physicians FOR physicians and their teams**; this network provides essential tools to encourage and lead effective system transformation towards the Patient's Medical Home within an Integrated Health Care System.

The "**EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK**" webinar is an essential PLN tool. It is approximately 45 minutes in length and is delivered on a web-based platform that is free to access.

Below are some highlights of EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK:

## INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS

- > Interdisciplinary teams are needed to develop solutions to complex problems
- > Teams must be working together to manage the growing complexity of patients and the system

## PRIMARY CARE RESEARCH

- Through the Alberta Primary Care Research Grant, we looked at the current state of how primary care teams are operating. The majority of teams tend to 'work alone, together' – meaning they refer patients to each other or work in silos to serve the same panel of patients.
- Working alone together or in silos prevents teams from being able to effectively support the complexity of the tasks that are required in primary healthcare.

## CORE TEAM ELEMENTS: THE 7 C'S OF EFFECTIVE TEAMWORK

#### CAPABILITY

- > Right people
- > Right mix of knowledge, skills & attitudes

#### COOPERATION

- > Attitudes, beliefs & feelings that drive team behaviour
  - Psychological safety
    - Mutual trust
    - Collective efficacy

#### COORDINATION

- > Regular communication huddles, debriefs, EMR messaging, etc.
- > Planning & self-correction
- ▹ 'Back-up' behaviour
- Mutual monitoring

#### COMMUNICATION

- > Information exchange affecting a team's attitudes, behaviours and cognitions
  - o Interpersonal skills
  - Psychological safety
  - o (Communication influences cooperation & coordination)

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# COGNITION

- > Shared understanding of roles and team goals
- > Mental model: 'we' provide care
- Team norms

# COACHING

- > Team leaders:
  - Set the direction
  - o Can be formal or informal, internal or external
  - Provide guidance and modelling
  - Share the load 'distributed leadership'

#### CONDITIONS

- > Supportive atmosphere
- > Leadership sends 'signals' that teamwork matters

# RESOURCES

CFPC PMH Report Card (2019): <u>https://patientsmedicalhome.ca/files/uploads/PMH\_ReportCard\_2018-1.pdf</u> EnACt (Enhancing Alberta Primary Care Research Networks: <u>https://primarycareresearch.ca/</u> Eduardo Salas - APCC Keynote 2015: <u>https://www.pcnpmo.ca/events-news/pastevents/APCC%202015/Dr.SalasKeynote.pdf</u> Additional webinars on the PLN Website: <u>https://pcnpmo.ca/PLN/Pages/default.aspx</u>