



# OSCAR British Columbia User Society (OSCAR BC)

## A registered non-profit

The purposes of the society are:

- a) to provide an excellent and affordable electronic medical record to physicians in BC which is built on the principles of open source and community development
- b) To facilitate access to the Electronic medical Record OSCAR for physicians in BC via independent support companies
- c) To foster continued development of the open source Electronic medical record OSCAR for physicians in BC
- d) to carry out any other activities to fulfill the above purpose

The purposes of the society shall be carried out without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for promoting its purposes



## WHAT is OSCAR BC?

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OSCAR BC is a not for profit society that is a collaboration of BC's OSCAR users, the companies providing OSCAR support (Chartered OSP'S), Software Developers, and IT Experts

## WHY OSCAR BC?

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OSCAR is now the #1 most widely used EMR in BC and the OSCAR movement is growing fast. Our rapid growth in a changing the Health IT landscape has made it necessary to create a central structure to support and improve OSCAR for its users and the patients we serve. We have come together to keep making OSCAR better

## WHEN was OSCAR BC Formed?

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The OSCAR BC collaboration of users, developers, academics and OSP's came together in 2016 to create OSCAR BC a non-for profit society. The society is now collecting funds from users to oversee the future development of OSCAR in BC and to support the quality assurance process and ISO certification that are stewarded by the nationally based OSCAR EMR

## HOW does OSCAR BC work?

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OSCAR's success is a great example of the high success rates of open source projects in health information systems. Open source licensing promotes safer, more effective health information systems at lower costs ([ref](#)).

Like so many open source projects, one of the special features of OSCAR is community. OSCAR BC is working to harness the passion and daily experience of users to direct future development. The funds being collected will be used to gather BC user input to direct and prioritise future development



## WHO is OSCAR BC ?

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The Oscar BC Board for 2017-2018 is made up of the following:

### Oscar Users

- Colleen Kirkham
- Tracy Monk
- John Yap
- John Robertson

### Executive Director

- Ken Becotte

### Academic

- Jens Weber (UVic)
- Morgan Price (UBC/UVic)

### Developer

- Dennis Warren (Colcamex Resources)

### Chartered OSCAR Service Providers

- Patti Rodger Kirkpatrick (OSCAR West)
- Mike Thompson (NERD)
- Peter Everett (OSCAR<sub>pm</sub>)

# OSCAR BC Principles

- Commitment to the OSCAR community
- Supporting the OSCAR community and future development of OSCAR in BC through a central coordinated infrastructure
- Commitment to OSCAR Quality & ongoing OSCAR ISO certification (OSCAR has been ISO certified for many years)
- Commitment to the principles of open source and the OSCAR GPL license (contributing all new code developed back to OSCAR trunk)
- Distribution of a standard version of OSCAR – helps to ensure interoperability – and that helps all OSCAR users