

# VALUE AND EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH ENGAGEMENT: DIGITAL REFERRALS AND ORDERS

## A Specialist's Experience

June 13, 2026

OSCAR BC AGM

# WHY BOTHER WITH ENGAGEMENT?

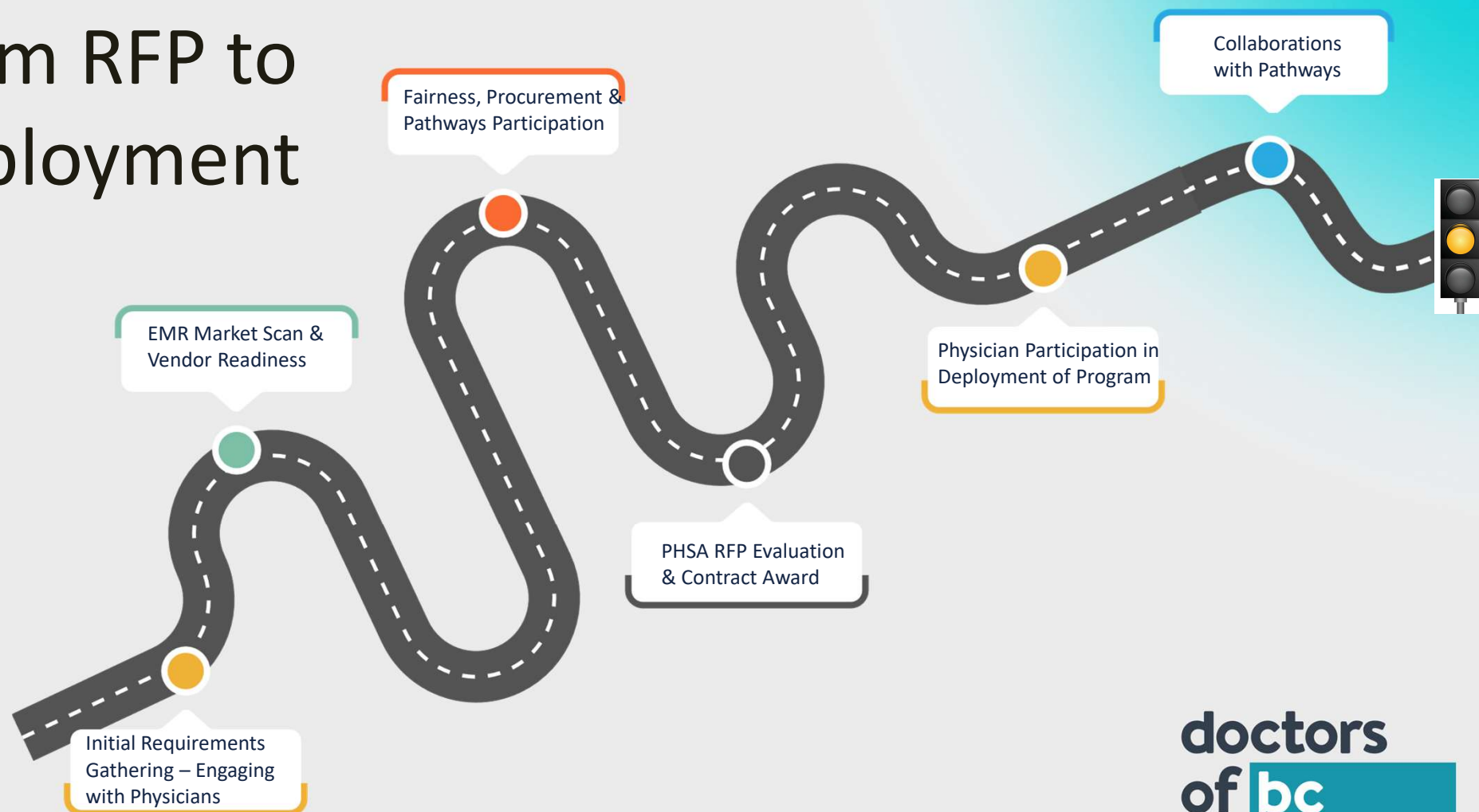
1.VALUE

2.EFFECTIVENESS

# **DRO PROGRAM: A JOURNEY OF ENGAGEMENT**

1. Physicians (Doctors of BC)
2. Peers / Colleagues (eReferrals)
3. Patients

# From RFP to Deployment



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# Engagement Efforts



**22 Sections Engaged**



# Restart of Digital Referrals & Orders

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Health Services**



## Program Restarting

The BC Digital Referrals & Orders program is resuming, enabling clinicians to send, receive and track referrals, diagnostic orders, and special authority requests electronically — reducing reliance on fax and paper.



## Integrated Workflow

Will allow clinicians access the DRO workflow through their EMR, health authority clinical information systems, or the Pathways BC directory — enabled through integrated connections with OceanMD.



## Phased Deployment

Deployments will restart with community primary care and specialist clinics using a phased, region-based approach. Clinics that began onboarding before the pause will be contacted to resume.

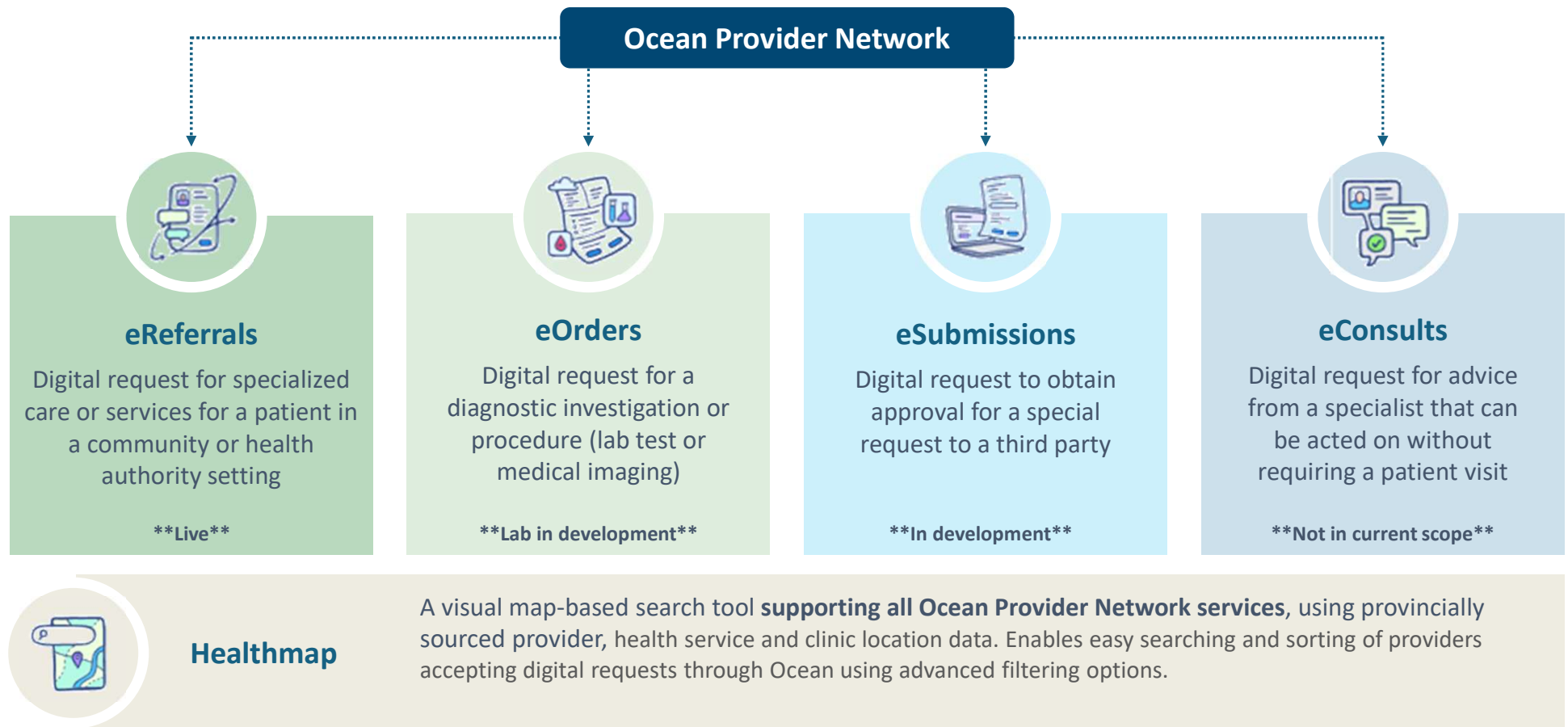
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**DRO Lead contact:** [manpreet.khaira1@phsa.ca](mailto:manpreet.khaira1@phsa.ca)

**More info:** <https://dro.phsa.ca>

# Ocean capabilities

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# **CLOSED-LOOP PROVINCIAL EREFERRAL SYSTEM**

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## Patient Information

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                  |             |                      |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| Surname: | <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                                             | Mobile #:   | <input type="text"/> |
| First:   | <input type="text"/>                                                                                                                                                             | Home #:     | <input type="text"/> |
| DOB:     | <input type="text" value="yyyy/mm/dd"/>                                                                                                                                          | Business #: | <input type="text"/> |
| Gender:  | <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Other                                                                                              |             |                      |
| HN:      | <input type="text" value="province"/> <input type="text" value="health number"/> <input type="text" value="VC"/>                                                                 | Email:      | <input type="text"/> |
| Address: | <input type="text" value="street"/> <input type="text" value="line 2"/> <input type="text" value="city"/> <input type="text" value="provi"/> <input type="text" value="postal"/> |             |                      |

Service:  - Name and Pronouns (if different than above)

Name Used:

Pronouns Used:

Referral Information

Referral Priority:

Refer To:

Referral Type:

Reason for Referral

Select all that apply \*

Symptom Evaluation:

|                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Abdominal Pain             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Constipation               |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Diarrhea More Than 14 Days |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Dyspepsia                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Dysphagia                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | GERD / Heartburn           |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | GI Bleed - Upper           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | GI Bleed - Lower           |

Recommended Investigations: CBC, Ferritin

Consider: Digital Rectal Exam

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nausea / Vomiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Weight Loss       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify)   |

Disease Management:

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Aspirin |
|--------------------------|---------|

DOB: May 28, 2008
Hm: [REDACTED] Cell: [REDACTED]  
 SPORT: None CITY: Maple Ridge REF: [REDACTED] FP: [REDACTED] LOCATION: POSM

Day Sheet

Encounter Notes

Virtual Chart

Medications

Patient Information

Patient

17 years old female

☒ Letters/Forms
 ☒ Tasks
 ☒ Patient Notes
 ☒ Labs
 ☒ Generated Letters
 ☒ Documents
 ☒ HealthMail

Search Patient Chart

Date Filter: --All Items--

| --All-- | Date         | Created      | Type                       | SubType         | Note                                                                   |
|---------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|         | May 01, 2026 | May 08, 2026 | Generated Letters          |                 | Printed May 08, 2026 *Consult Letter To: D                             |
|         | May 01, 2026 | May 01, 2026 | * Therapy Referral Updated |                 |                                                                        |
|         | May 01, 2026 | May 01, 2026 | Tasks                      |                 | * Follow-Up Booking Phone                                              |
|         | May 01, 2026 | May 01, 2026 | Letter                     |                 | *Consult Letter                                                        |
|         | Apr 29, 2026 | Apr 29, 2026 | OceanForm                  |                 | Ocean: Health Screening Form TG                                        |
|         | Apr 28, 2026 | Apr 28, 2026 | Labs                       |                 | EVS, Physical History (Child): No Note                                 |
|         | Apr 28, 2026 | Apr 28, 2026 | OceanForm                  |                 | Ocean: New Patient Intake Form 1.3                                     |
|         | Apr 01, 2026 | Apr 01, 2026 | Appointment Notification   |                 |                                                                        |
|         | Apr 01, 2026 | Apr 01, 2026 | Virtual Health Consent     |                 |                                                                        |
|         | Jan 28, 2026 | Jan 28, 2026 | Tasks                      |                 | * Triage Routine                                                       |
|         | Jan 20, 2026 | Jan 20, 2026 | Incoming Referral          | Ocean eReferral | eReferral Attachment - Rheumatology - LabReport4351306121296749923.pdf |
|         | Jan 20, 2026 | Jan 20, 2026 | Incoming Referral          | Ocean eReferral | eReferral - Rheumatology - [REDACTED]                                  |

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Clinical Notes

Forms

Labs

Documents

Generated Letters

Tasks

Notes

HealthMail

Medication Reconciliation

Diagnosis

Date: Jan 20, 2026

Category: Documents

Type: Incoming Referral

SubType: Ocean eReferral

Saved to this PC

## Referral for Rheumatology



Sent by Dr. [redacted] via directory on Jan 20, 2026 at 8:39 AM (Received on Jan 20, 2026 at 1:56 PM)

**Referral Status:** Pending Booking

### General

**Patient:**

[redacted]  
DOB: May 20, 2010 (Female)  
HN: [redacted]  
BC: [redacted]  
MRN: [redacted]  
Maple ridge, BC  
[redacted]  
[redacted] (H)  
[redacted] (M)  
[redacted]@gmail.com

**Recipient:**

**Dr. Tommy Gerschman**  
**Pediatric Rheumatology**  
**Clinic Burnaby / Fraser**  
7885 6th St  
Unit 204  
Burnaby, BC  
V3N 2S2  
604-210-4736 (P)  
604-210-6825 (F)

**Referred by:**

**Dr. [redacted]**  
*Electronically signed: Morne Smit*  
Coquitlam | WELL Health (BC)  
Unit 56-2991 Lougheed Hwy.  
Coquitlam, BC  
V3B 6J6  
604-945-7819 (P)  
604-945-2884 (F)  
Billing #: [redacted]  
Professional ID: [redacted]

*Forwarded electronically by BC  
Central Outtake | WELL Health  
to Pediatric Rheumatology  
Clinic Burnaby / Fraser on Jan  
20, 2026*

### Referral Form Summary

#### Referral Information

Refer To: Specific Specialist

Specialist Name: DR T Gerschman

Reason for Referral / Clinical Question: Please assess this patient with history of pos HLA B27 and family hx of AS and now has ongoing joint clicking and feeling she needs to loosen up her joints constantly.

She sees a pediatrician for her anxiety.

General

For: Dr Tommy Gerschman - North Vancouver

Sent by [REDACTED]

Patient:

[REDACTED] F Age 11

DOB: [REDACTED]

HN: BC [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
vancouver, BC

[REDACTED]

604-[REDACTED]

604-[REDACTED]

Copy of referral and status updates to: ☒

Referred by: ☒

[REDACTED]

Kerrisdale | WELL Health (BC)

2077 W 42nd Ave

Vancouver, BC

V6M 2B4

Billing # [REDACTED]

Professional ID [REDACTED]

604-261-9494

604-261-9405

Notes

New Note:

[REDACTED]

Messaging

To:

[REDACTED]

Referral Form Summary

Referral Information

Refer To: Specific Specialist

Specialist Name: first available sports medicine doctor

Reason for Referral / Clinical Question: Walk in

S:

11 y/o F

- The patient reports that she "feels a crack in her left knee"

- Denies any pain in her knee

- Denies any problems with her ROM

- Pt does perform Competitive Gymnastics

- She participated in a competition on Feb 8 - following this, she noticed worsening sx.

O:

Normal Gait and Ambulation

- Normal Knee ROM

- BL Knees appear normal on examination

- With full Flexion of the left knee - there is an audible cracking sound

A/P:

1. Left Knee Crepitus in the setting of competitive gymnastics

- I ordered a Sports medicine referral for long term management

- I will defer imaging/work-up to the specialist

Relevant Clinical Information Has been well

Patient Summary

Family and Social History: , Came to Canada beginning 2023

Patient's Note

Scheduling

Appointment:   Medium:  ☒ Anticipated Wait Time to Appointment:  ☐ Confirmed

# Patient engagement tools

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When clinics sign up for eReferrals, select Ocean Patient Engagement tools are provided **at no cost to Sending and Receiving clinics** to improve provider–patient communication.

## Appointment Reminders

Allows providers to send email reminders for upcoming appointments based on patient groups or visit types.

## Patient Messages

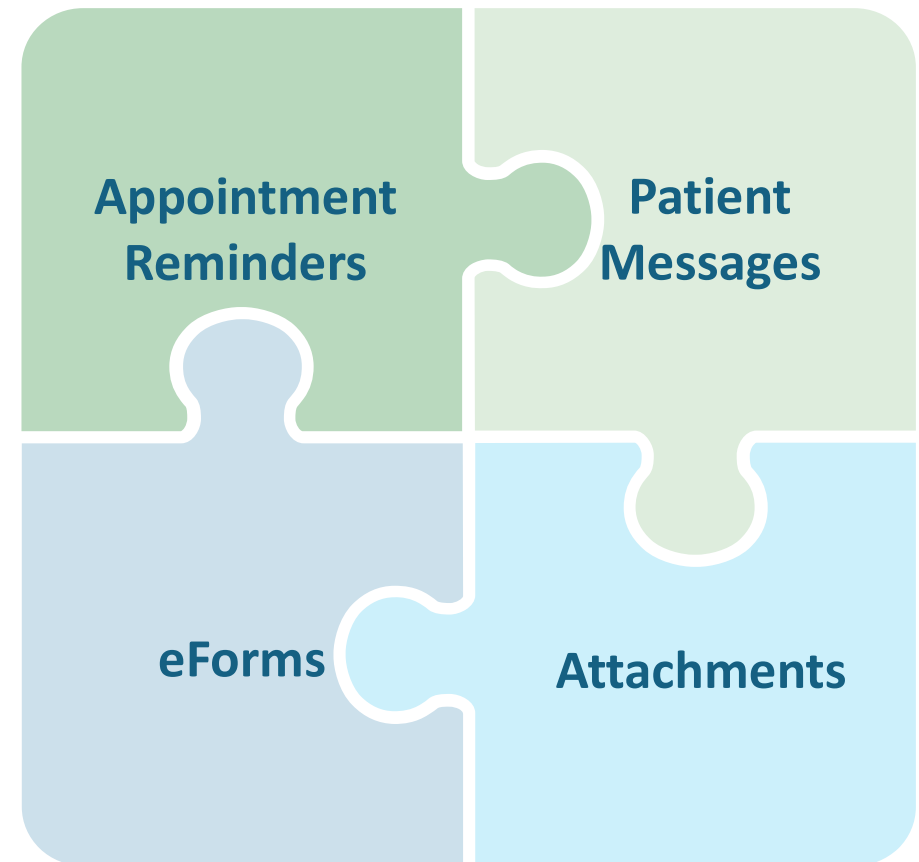
Allows providers to send updates, messages and information (e.g., appointment instructions) directly to patients.

## eForms

Allows clinics to create custom or standardized forms (e.g., intake, PHQ-9, etc.) and send them directly to patients. Completed responses are automatically saved in the patient's chart.

## Attachments

Attach a variety of document types (PDF, PNG, MP3, MP4 and more) or send links to multimedia for easy sharing.



## Edit Appointment Reminder - Virtual Health (Zoom) Live

### Rule Name

The rule name won't be visible to patients

Appointment Reminder - Virtual Health (Zoom)

### Reminder Options

Note: Text Message Reminders can only be sent before appointments.

#### When should the reminder be sent?

Send  day(s)  the appointment.

#### How should the reminder be sent?

Email

☒ Include iCal calendar event file in email reminder

#### Appointment Confirmation

Allow patients to confirm their upcoming appointments from reminders

Enabled

#### Appointment Cancellations

Allow patients to cancel their upcoming appointments from reminders

Disabled

#### Messaging Template

Includes email, secure message and eForm settings that will be used for this reminder

VH Template

### Rule Conditions

Note: All Rule Conditions only apply to patients with appointments in the [licensed EMR Schedules](#).

#### Who should receive this reminder?

- ☐ All patients with appointments
- ☒ Patients with appointments that meet the following conditions

Reason

EMR Schedule

JavaScript Expression

Send if appointment type contains

VH -

### Messaging Template Preview

Note: Please use the [Template Manager](#) to edit your templates.

#### Email Preview

Subject: Appointment Notification from @providerName's Clinic

Dear @ptPreferredOrFirstName,

You have a Virtual Health (**video**) appointment with @providerName on **@apptDate** at **@apptTime**. A reminder to please log in a few minutes early with a parent/guardian and to wear appropriate shorts and/or t-shirt/tank top for the appointment.

To best maintain confidentiality, please try to be in a private room. Patients attending an appointment in a vehicle (ie **no cars**) or outdoors will **NOT** be seen and will be charged a late cancellation fee.

The video meeting link (ZOOM) will be emailed to you about a couple days prior.

You must provide 2 business days notice to cancel or reschedule your appointment to avoid the \$75 Late Cancellation/No Show fee. If you appropriately cancelled your appointment over the weekend, you may still be receiving this automatic reminder. We will respond to your message as soon as we are back in the office.

**Please click on the following link to CONFIRM your appointment. Please note that appointments not confirmed may result in a cancellation.**

>>>> [weblink] <<<<

Thank you.

Office of Dr. Tommy Gerschman and Dr. Gordon Soon  
Phone: 604-210-4736 Fax: 604-210-6825  
Pacific Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine | #309 - 131 13th Street East, North Vancouver, V7L 2L3  
Core Medical Center | #204 - 7885 6th Street, Burnaby, BC V3N 3N4



## Edit ERA - BASDAI & CHAQ Form Live

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ERA - BASDAI & CHAQ Form

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|                          |                                                            |                                  |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Send if appointment type | <input type="text" value="is not"/>                        | <input type="button" value="x"/> |
|                          | <input type="text" value="Virtual Telephone Appointment"/> | <input type="button" value="x"/> |
| and reason               | <input type="text" value="contains"/>                      | <input type="button" value="x"/> |
|                          | <input type="text" value="ERA (Enthesitis Related Ar"/>    | <input type="button" value="x"/> |

### Messaging Template Preview

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#### Email Preview

Subject: Form to be Completed for @providerName's Clinic

Dear @ptPreferredOrFirstName,  
@providerName would like you to complete a secure online questionnaire related to your health. Please click on the following link to complete it.

>>>>[weblink] <<<<<

Note: This is an outgoing email only. Please do not reply to this email. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office in the usual manner.

Thank you.

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Email: clinic@drtommy.ca

#### Secure Content Settings

Secure content is accessed via the [weblink] in the email template.

The patient must enter their birth date to view secure messages and forms.

Link will expire after 100 days.

#### eForms

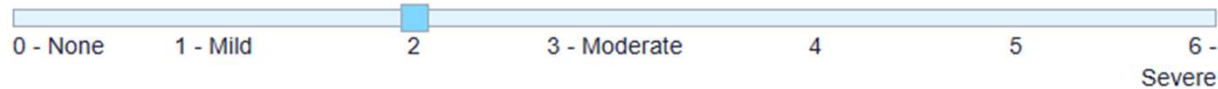
BASDAI - modified for ERA

CHAQ

☒ Notify me when forms are complete

You should score yourself on the following symptoms, based on **how you feel now**.

Headache:



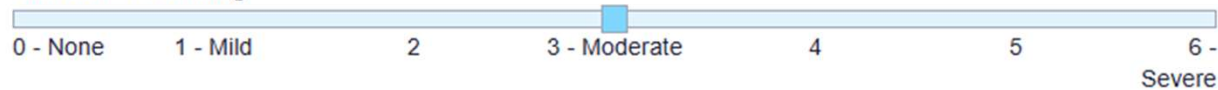
"Pressure in head":



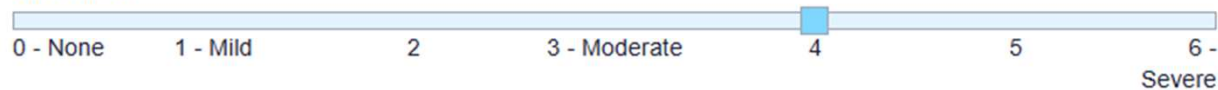
Neck Pain:



Nausea or vomiting:



Dizziness:



Blurred vision:



Balance problems:



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**SCAT5 - Sport Concussion Assessment Tool**

Headache: 2

"Pressure in head": 3

Neck Pain: 2

Nausea or vomiting: 3

Dizziness: 4

Blurred vision: 2

Balance problems: 2

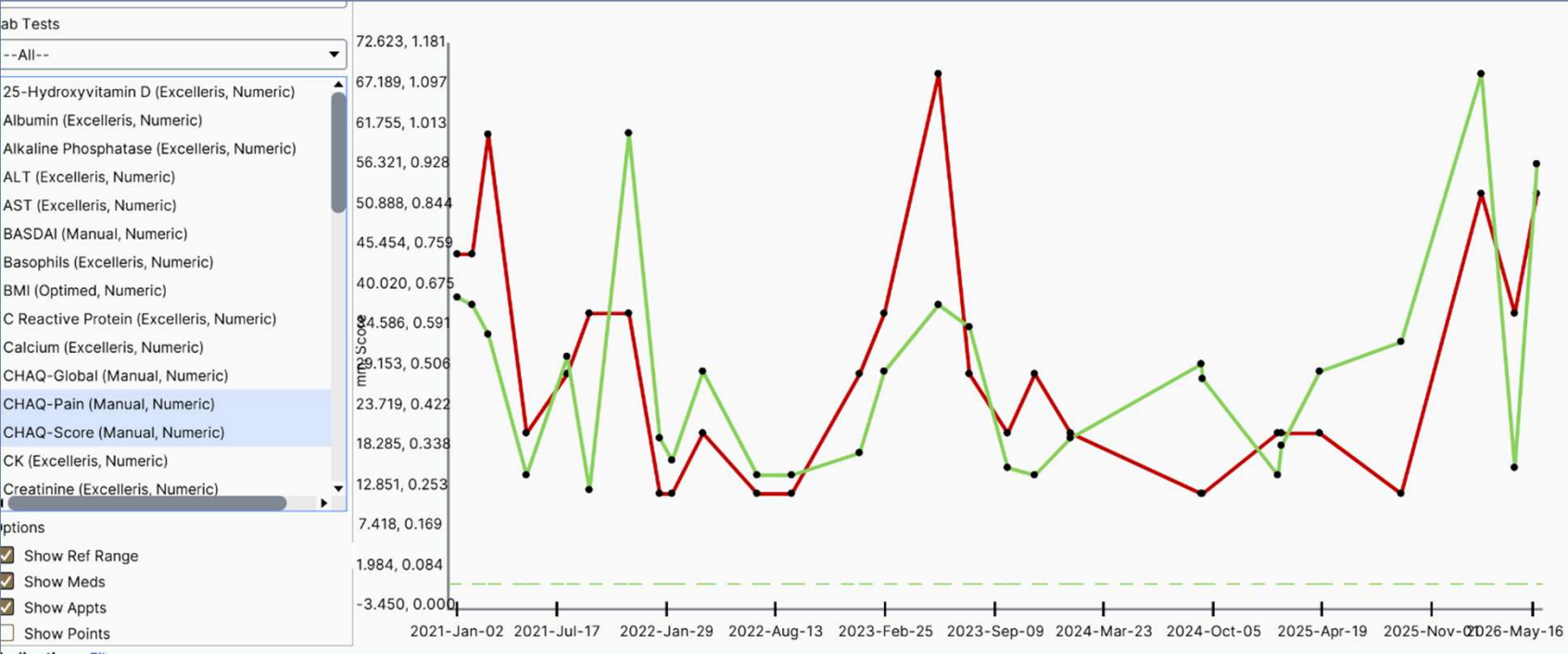
Sensitivity to light: 4

**Total Number of Symptoms @SCAT5-TNS: 8 / 22**

**Total Symptom Severity Score @SCAT5-SSS: 22 / 132**

Labs

| Result      | May 20, 2026 | May 08, 2026 | May 06, 2026 | Apr 01, 2026 | Mar 30, 2026 | Jan 28, 2026 | Sep 10, 2025 | Sep 08, 2025 | Apr 16, 2025 | Apr 14, 2025 | Feb 07, |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|
| EVS         |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |         |
| BASDAI      | 2.4          |              |              |              | 1.1          | 5.1          |              |              |              |              |         |
| CHAQ-Score  | 0.875        |              |              |              | 0.625        | 0.875        |              | 0.25         |              | 0.375        |         |
| CHAQ-Pain   | 57           |              |              |              | 16           | 69           |              | 33           |              | 29           |         |
| CHAQ-Global | 51           |              |              |              | 21           | 48           |              | 24           |              | 38           |         |



Lab Tests

--All--

25-Hydroxyvitamin D (Excelleris, Numeric)

Albumin (Excelleris, Numeric)

Alkaline Phosphatase (Excelleris, Numeric)

ALT (Excelleris, Numeric)

AST (Excelleris, Numeric)

Basophils (Excelleris, Numeric)

C Reactive Protein (Excelleris, Numeric)

CHAQ-Global (Manual, Numeric)

CHAQ-Pain (Manual, Numeric)

CHAQ-Score (Manual, Numeric)

Complement C3 (Excelleris, Numeric)

Complement C4 (Excelleris, Numeric)

Creatinine (Excelleris, Numeric)

Eosinophils (Excelleris, Numeric)

EVS (Manual, Numeric)

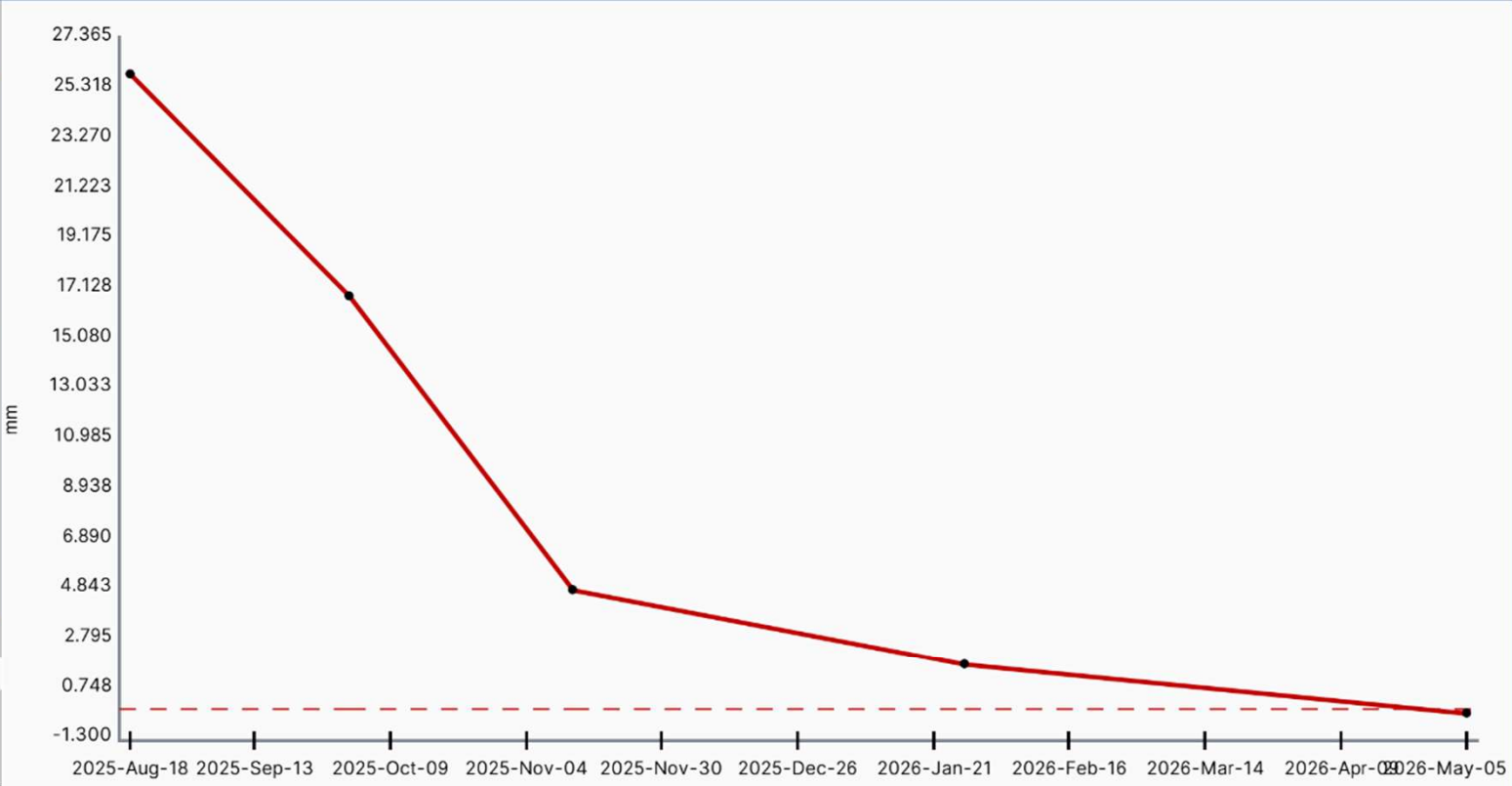
Options

☒ Show Ref Range

☒ Show Meds

☒ Show Appts

☐ Show Points



Medications [Filter](#)

folic acid 5 mg Oral Tablet

folic acid 5 mg Oral Tablet

methotrexate 2.5 mg Oral Tablet

methotrexate 2.5 mg Oral Tablet

folic acid 5 mg Oral Tablet

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methotrexate 2.5 mg Oral Tablet

5.0 mg Four times/week x 258 mg with 1 refills

5.0 mg Three times/week x 193 mg with 1 refills

15.0 mg Once a week x 193 mg with 1 refills

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5.0 mg Twice/Week x 129 mg with 1 refills

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### Patient Information

First Name:

Does patient have a nickname or "preferred" name other than first name? (leave blank if same as first name):

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Birthdate:  

Sex (as registered with MSP):

Does the patient have alternate preferred pronouns?

Please indicate preferred pronouns:

Care Card/Personal Health#:

Street Address (including Unit/Apt #):

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Home Phone#:

Cell Phone#:

Work or Alternate Phone#:

Preferred Phone#:

Do you have a Family Doctor (or doctor you see regularly)?

Family Doctor (First and Last Name and Location if known):

Other Physicians who you are under the care of:  
(Optional: Skip this if it does not apply to you.)

Please enter the name of your preferred **pharmacy** (and location if known):

This panel shows how the note will appear in the chart.  
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#### New Patient Form

##### Patient Information

Preferred Pronouns are: **They/Them**

Patient Name: **Alex Appleseed**

Birthdate: 2007-07-25 Gender: M

PHN: 1234567890

Address: 123 Main St, Toronto, ON, A0A 9Z9

Home Phone#: 60485899966

Cell Phone#: 6048968899

Preferred Phone#: **Cell Phone**

Family Doctor: John Smith

Preferred Pharmacy: Shoppers Whisler

##### FAMILY AND SOCIAL HISTORY

Alex lives in Toronto. Who is \$\$ years old. Alex lives apart from . Also living at home with her is her .

Age in Months: 611

@EVS: 0

@PrimarySport: ""

## School & Sport Participation

Are you a student?

No

Yes

Current Grade (Current/Most Recent Grade):

8

Primary Sport:

Soccer

Approximate number of Practices in a week:

3

Approximate number of Games in a week:

1

Other Recreational or Sport Activities:

### Current Level of Activity (this week)

How many times **this week** were you active or exercising at a moderate-vigorous intensity (*ie break into a sweat*)?

3

On average, **how long** were you active or exercising at a moderate-vigorous intensity (*in minutes*) during each of these times?

45

Previous

Next

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### New Patient Form

#### Patient Information

Preferred Pronouns are: **They/Them**

Patient Name: Alex Appleseed

Birthdate: 1975-07-12 Gender: M

PHN: 1234567890

Address: 123 Main St, Toronto, ON, A0A 9Z9

Home Phone#: 6048986633

Cell Phone#: 6048896699

Preferred Phone#: Cell Phone

Family Doctor: Dr Smith

Preferred Pharmacy: Shoppers Whistler

### SCHOOL & SPORT PARTICIPATION

Alex is in Grade 8. She indicates that her primary sport is Soccer. There are approximately 3 practices per week and 1 games. This past week she recalls exercising at a moderate-vigorous intensity about 3 times. On average, she was exercising for about 45 minutes each time. Her exercise vital sign calculates to 135.

### FAMILY AND SOCIAL HISTORY

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Age in Months: 611

@EVS: 135

@PrimarySport: "Soccer"

Family and Social History

Information about Parent/Guardian #1

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Biological Parent? 

No Yes

Age: 

38

Does the child live with parent/guardian #1? 

No Yes Yes (Part Time)

Are there any medical conditions? 

No Yes Unknown

If yes, please list all medical condition(s):

1.)

2.)

3.)

4.)

5.)

Smoker? 

No Yes Yes (Outside Only)

Information about Parent/Guardian #2

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Biological Parent? 

No Yes

Age: 

36

Does the child live with parent/guardian #2? 

No Yes Yes (Part Time)

Are there any medical conditions? 

No Yes Unknown

If yes, please list all medical condition(s):

1.)

2.)

3.)

4.)

5.)

Smoker? 

No Yes Yes (Outside Only)

Any other adults living in the home?

None Step mother Step father Grandfather Grandmother Aunt Uncle Other

Information about Siblings

Number of siblings: 

1

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PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

Alex does not report any other significant medical conditions. She does not have a history of any previous surgeries. She was hospitalized for appendicitis. Alex reports an allergy to penicillin. She does not have any food allergies or intolerances. There have been no developmental concerns or learning / attention issues. Immunizations are up to date.

Current medications reported by patient include:

1.) Ibuprofen

FAMILY AND SOCIAL HISTORY

Alex lives in Toronto. Her [mother|father] is John Smith who is 38 years old. Medical issues include allergies. Alex's [mother|father] is Jane Doe, who is 36 years old. Medical issues include diabetes. Alex lives with both parents. Also living at home with her is her Grandmother. There are no smokers in the home. She has 1 sibling. She has a brother aged 12, who is healthy. There are no pets at home.

Age in Months: 611

Weight (in kg): @ChildWeight: 50

Height (in cm): @ChildHeight: 135

@IntakeForm: "COMPLETED"

@EVS: 135

@PrimarySport: "Soccer"

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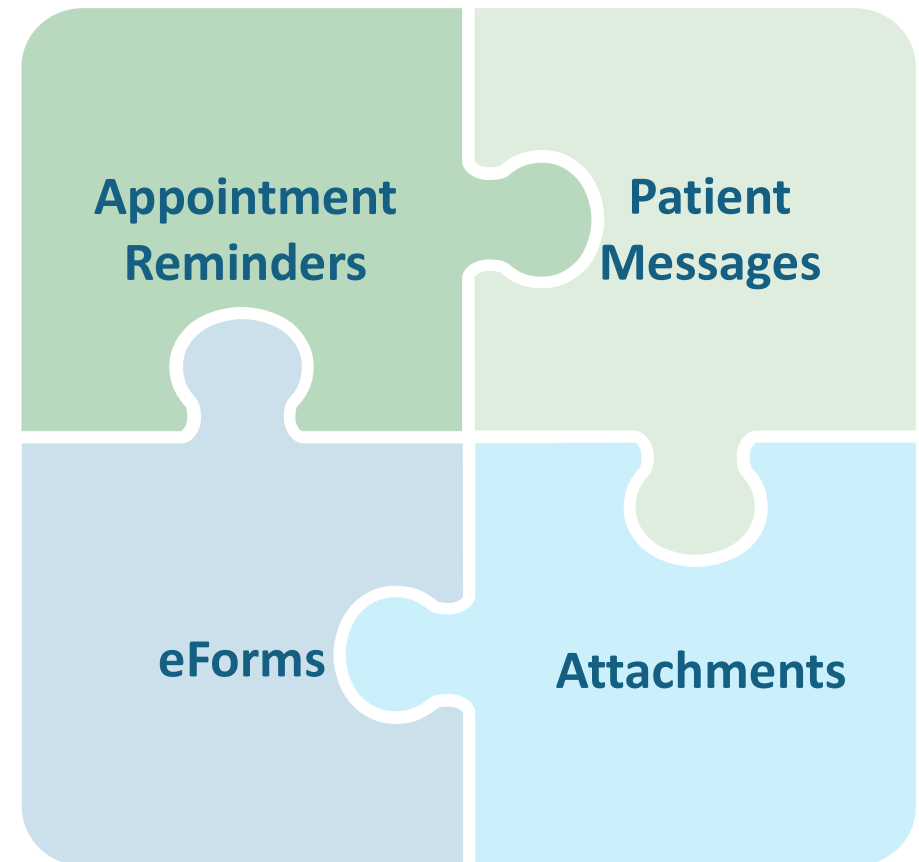
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## eForms

Allows clinics to create custom or standardized forms (e.g., intake, PHQ-9, etc.) and send them directly to patients. Completed responses are automatically saved in the patient's chart.

## Attachments

Attach a variety of document types (PDF, PNG, MP3, MP4 and more) or send links to multimedia for easy sharing.



# Restart of Digital Referrals & Orders

**BC Shared  
Health Services**



## Program Restarting

The BC Digital Referrals & Orders program is resuming, enabling clinicians to send, receive and track referrals, diagnostic orders, and special authority requests electronically — reducing reliance on fax and paper.



## Integrated Workflow

Will allow clinicians access the DRO workflow through their EMR, health authority clinical information systems, or the Pathways BC directory — enabled through integrated connections with OceanMD.



## Phased Deployment

Deployments will restart with community primary care and specialist clinics using a phased, region-based approach. Clinics that began onboarding before the pause will be contacted to resume.

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1. Multiple levels and opportunities for engagement
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