



Benefiting From Interconnected Rehabilitation Management

Background



- In 2005 a shift in Health Care
- Loss of networking
- Opportunity to come together differently
- Nova Scotia Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy Leadership Committee was born.



Eagles



- Great Vision
- Never eat dead meat
- Look for and fly into storms
- Gentle and attentive to their young

Leaders



- Must have vision
- Go where the action is
- Use challenges to grow
- Act as Mentors



This presentation will include:

- Guiding Principles
- Key Functions
- Critical Success Factors
- Benefits and Outcomes
- Challenges
- Future Directions
- Introduction to our team of “stars”



Guiding Principles

- Work with the concept of collaboration.
- Respect individuality and recognize the value of different District Health Authorities.
- Facilitate consistency in practices and application of standards where appropriate.
- Ensure consideration for the continuum of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy care throughout the health care system during the patient’s life span.



Key Functions

- Networking and Communication
- Consultation with Government
- Communication with Other Agencies
- Environmental Scans
- Efficiencies and Effectiveness
- Program Visioning and Planning
- Advocate for Patient/Family Centered Care and striving to move towards Relationship Centered Care



Critical Success Factors



- Relationship Building
- Strong Diverse Collaborative Leadership
- Accountability to Action Plans
- Being in the Know
- Consensus Building

Benefits and Outcomes



- Networking
- Consistent Data Collection
- Policy and Guideline Influences
- Input into Provincial Program Development
- Knowledge Translation

Challenges



- Prioritization
- Different organizational structure across DHA's and the IWK
- Access to adequate population health information to inform decisions
- Nova Scotia services provided by Departments of Health, Education and Community Services separately.

Future Directions



- Models of Care Initiative
- A provincial vision for Pediatric Rehabilitation
- Devolution of Provincial Programs
- Research Opportunities
- Patient outcomes vs. MIS data
- Standardized wait list criteria

The OT PT Leadership Group has Evolved Into:



- A unified and united voice for Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy
- An effective information sharing and communication network
- A body of knowledge that has positioned itself as a resource to government, OT and PT Stakeholders, and each other.
- A group of individuals with a broader view of Rehabilitation
