

Board Committee Report

Submitted To: PSFDH Board of Directors
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Committee: Board Quality Committee

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Key Messages:

PSFDH Integrated Quality and Safety Framework

The Quality framework includes Safety, Strategic Plan, Quality Improvements, Ethics, Resources and Risk management. Inputs include legislation, regulatory bodies, Ministries and Accreditation Canada. Quality improvement element includes continuous quality improvement at the department level such as Huddle Boards and satisfaction surveys. There is a focus on ethics, our people, along with policy development and workplace health and safety. Monitoring is ongoing with other initiative such as Root Cause Analysis, Morbidity and Mortality reviews, enterprise risk management, financial stewardship and strategic and operational planning.

Quality Scorecard

Initiatives from the scorecard were reviewed and include Patient Whiteboards planned to be present at each patient's bedside. The aim is to make these boards meaningful to patient, family and staff. Input from staff and PFAC has been a major component in this design and these Boards will be trialed early in the new year.

First case Starts for the O.R., continue to meet the target.

Ongoing and focus for the leadership team this year is Accreditation with a site visit scheduled for May 2026.

Accreditation Canada Update

The Leadership team continues to review Accreditation standards. PFAC members are reviewing standards under patient-centered care. Outstanding is leadership and Governance. The focus now will be on staff education with a focus on standards and ROPs. There will be Mock Tracers and audits. Also being developed for the Accreditors are Department Placecards.

Infection Control Written Report

Kudos were given to staff for the handling of a recent outbreak. IPAC completes daily surveys on all admitted patients. Hand hygiene continues to be monitored. Policies and procedures are reviewed and revised on an annual basis, with education offered to all staff. Lumeo has improved the infection surveillance by providing real-time access to clinical information and microbiology results.

Pharmacy Written Report

Mark Kearney, Pharmacy Manager, presented a comprehensive report available on the Board Portal. Highlights include increasing demand, monitoring of all prescription orders, errors and the effects of Lumeo. Staffing and Equipment needs are identified.