

# Heart Failure COPD Pathway

## Bringing Teams Together: Heart Failure / COPD Pathway Innovation Learning Collaborative

15 multidisciplinary teams from across the province joined together on May 1, 2019 to participate in Learning Session #2 (LS2) of the [Heart Failure \(HF\) / Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease \(COPD\) Innovation Learning Collaborative](#) (ILC). Efforts focused on improving acute, community and primary care of HF / COPD patients as teams developed strategies and action plans amid opportunities for sharing of successes, learnings and challenges with colleagues.

The excitement was infectious as healthcare providers worked alongside each other identifying ways to implement evidence based order set bundles into practice. Educational sessions addressed participant learning needs while the patient voice rang out loud and clear during Patient Journey Panel Discussions and patient quotes provided throughout the day.



Supports for 'Transitions in Care' was of key importance. Primary care talks and tools were highlighted. As heart failure patient Cindy Yagos identified, "There needs to be more connections within the system between specialists and G.Ps so you are not left dangling".

For more information please see [Complex Chronic Diseases: Heart Failure and COPD Clinical Pathways](#) website or contact [hfpathway@ahs.ca](mailto:hfpathway@ahs.ca)



ILC education session recordings will be available soon: The Silence Between (Dr. Owen Heisler), Transition to Primary Care (Dr. Peter Bouch), [Heart Failure Therapy in 2019](#) (Dr. Jonathan Howlett), [Alberta Heart Function Clinics](#) (Dr. Justin Ezekowitz), The COPD Discharge Bundle & Breathing Easier with Standardized Pulmonary Rehabilitation (Dr. Mike Stickland)

*"I wish the medical professionals would slow it down a bit. We need more time to absorb all the info given to us." Laurie Bonin*

