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Evidence-based research and quality improvement work are pivotal to health systems meeting their goals. Translating findings and disseminating innovative practices to new settings occurs in part through knowledge translation events, such as conferences and workshops.

The Emergency Strategic Clinical Network™ (ESCN) Quality Improvement and Innovation Forum fills a gap between local and national events. It is devoted to sharing methods and results of emergency department projects in Alberta among those working in emergency care. Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, 2022 was the fourth consecutive year the ESCN has held this event.

The event provides an opportunity for those working on quality improvement in emergency medicine to network with one another, share innovative projects, share know how and translate promising works to new settings. In addition, the event provides an opportunity to identify projects for potential development through local, provincial, or national funding opportunities. This year's forum was, again, held virtually due to the ongoing pandemic. 18 teams provided oral presentations including the ESCN patient advisors who shared details of how to engage patients in quality improvement work.. Not all abstracts are published in this collection, as some abstracts will have been previously published elsewhere.

Strong attendance shows the value practitioners see in the forum. In 2022, approximately 121 educators, managers, nurses, physicians and researchers from across Alberta and British Columbia, attended the forum. Post-event evaluation survey feedback suggests that the online format was greatly appreciated and many of the initiatives presented would be pursued further by participants.

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