



### Care Paths

Care paths are an advanced form of clinical decision support available in the Connect Care clinical information system. They guide goal-based management of health conditions across place and time by exposing key information, personalizing recommendations and promoting evidence-informed care.

1. **Decision-Supports**  
Care Paths are informational supports designed to help clinical decision-makers align care with best possible practice informed by best available evidence.
2. **Complexity-Managed**  
Care Paths are optimized to ease management of complex health conditions by multidisciplinary teams across the continuum of care.
3. **Evidence-Informed**  
Care Paths reflect provincially endorsed clinical practice guidelines and expertise so that recommendations balance consideration of evidence, values and circumstances.
4. **Collaborative**  
Care Paths support transparent multidisciplinary care with shared visualization of patients' health care goals and plans across settings, specialties and professions.
5. **Transition-Enabling**  
Care Paths enhance clinical workflows with simple and intuitive supports for seamless transitions between levels and settings of care.
6. **Comprehensive**  
Care Paths consolidate as much health care as possible into a single, standardized, provincially endorsed, 'base' path, with branches for unique local circumstances.
7. **Flexible**  
Care Paths provide options, when appropriate, for removal from or resolution of a path; with exceptions explained and documented.
8. **Monitored**  
Care Path performance is continually monitored by for process and outcome improvement, patient safety, cost-effectiveness and stakeholder satisfaction.
9. **Maintained**  
Care Path quality is maintained through ongoing evidence surveillance, change management, dependency awareness, and mandated review dates.
10. **Accountable**  
Care Path evidence, design and providence is exposed for just-in-time review, together with record of Connect Care CDS-Advanced Decision Support Subcommittee decisions and any escalated dispute resolutions.