## PCN Membership

### Eligibility for joining Community PCN

For the purposes of the PCN, the governance tables have defined a Patient Medical Home (PMH) as a community practice where patients get the majority of their primary care. Therefore, PMHs may include family physician offices, walk-in clinics, health centres in First Nations communities, and community organizations. In future phases of the PCN, we also envision that a broader group of local care providers and community partners, such as social service organizations or specialist physicians, would be able to join and stay connected as basic members of the PCN, although they would not be eligible to receive PCN resources.

### Levels of membership

All types of PMHs that are actively pursuing the PMH core attributes can apply for PCN membership and are eligible to receive PCN resources. One of the lessons learned from other PCNs was that many prospective PCN member providers or clinics were overwhelmed by the official requirements for joining the PCN, which limited their involvement.

Given this feedback, the planning team has proposed a tiered membership model, wherein prospective members can decide which level of participation they prefer. Each level of membership comes with different benefits and expectations for members (Tables 1 & 2). These categories will continue to be refined into the implementation phase, with input from the Ministry of Health and PCN leadership and governance tables.

###### Table 1. Tiered membership model for PCN

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|  | **Basic** | **Regular** | **Host** |
| Stay informed about PCN news and connect to other members |  |  |  |
| Consult with or refer to allied health resources located anywhere in your PCN neighbourhood |  |  |  |
| Physically accommodate new PCN allied health *(shared)* or GP/NP resources (*dedicated*) within your clinic |  |  |  |

###### Table 12. Member responsibilities at different levels of PCN participation

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| **Member Responsibilities** | **Basic** | **Regular** | **Host** |
| Work towards PMH attributes, *(\*only applies to PMHs)* |  |  |  |
| Complete the PMH assessment provided by GPSC |  |  |  |
| Actively partner in team-based care |  |  |  |
| Participate in cultural safety training & change management training to support the introduction of new team members |  |  |  |
| Regularly provide data for PCN monitoring & evaluation, including patient experience surveys |  |  |  |
| Work collaboratively with the enhanced provincial Health Connect Registry if PCN resources require attachment |  |  |  |
| Ensure adequate space to support an interprofessional team member |  |  |  |