

Optimizing Access to Care for Patients with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF): Provincial Report Card

Category	Yes/No (Description)
Clinical Benefit	
Is there a measure in place to determine a patient's health-related quality of life?	NO
Is there a holistic policy in place that examines the experience of dying beyond the control of physical distress?	NO
Does the available treatment likely affect survival or reliable measures of disease progression?	YES
Patient Experience and Value	
Is IPF well understood by health care providers?	NO
Severity/Morbidity of the Disease (including premature death)	
Do policies that affect the management and treatment of IPF consider the life-threatening nature of the illness?	NO
Availability of Alternatives	
Do policies recognize the limited treatment alternatives that are available?	NO
Wider Consultation with Stakeholders	
Were key stakeholders, including patients, caregivers, and physicians consulted regarding policies that affect the management of IPF?	NO
Starting and Stopping Rules	
Is a stopping rule being considered?	N/A
Integrated Care Centres and Dedicated IPF sub-Specialists	
Do new policies that affect the management and treatment of patients consider how and where care will be delivered?	NO

Final Grade: C-

Comments:

- British Columbia has fallen behind the rest of the major Canadian provinces in providing treatment to patients suffering from this debilitating disease.
- Aside from the dedicated specialists providing treatment in BC, IPF is not well understood by health care providers.
- The Minister of Health is not listening to our call for action and is not funding any treatment for IPF-leaving patients and their families to deal with this disease without financial support for treatments that could extend patients lives and well-being.
- To date, a lack of budget has been provided as the main barrier, but the provincial budget is balanced and has benefitted from surpluses.
- The Patient Charter outlines what is needed from the provincial government to ensure a standard of care is being upheld for IPF patients.