



Consultant Specialists of BC (cSBC) is the unifying Society collectively representing *all* BC Specialists and their individual Sections. cSBC serves as the counterpart Society to BC Family Doctors and is the *only* Specialist organization positioned to effectively engage in high-level advocacy dedicated to the Specialty care.

Examples of issues that we advocate on include:

- Proposing and assisting in broad system change to improve Specialist patient care, Specialist practice efficiency and reduce Specialist burdens
- Advocating to reduce and streamline the growing Specialist waitlists for consultative care
- Representing Specialists in PMA negotiations
- Negotiating with government outside of the PMA on broad issues affecting Specialist practice
- Developing fair income and overhead datasets to help inform disparity assessment
- Lobbying for new payment model options for Specialists
- Communicate with government to ensure concerns of Specialists are heard and acted upon
- Ensuring the Specialist voice is represented at all levels of our medico-political system
- Engaging the media to raise the awareness of Specialist care issues, both to educate the public and policy-makers

Our successes in recent years include:

- Advocating for and developing the Implicit Re-referral solution to the outdated referral rules
- A successful media campaign highlighting the Specialist Waitlist Crisis
- Leading negotiations with government to reduce Specialist consultative waitlists
- Increased funding for overhead costs through expansion of the Business Cost Premium
- The first increase in MOCAP since its inception, thanks to cSBC lobbying
- Taking over management of the existing 10,000-series and 727xx-prefix codes from the Specialist Services Committee so that these codes can be actively managed and increased over time
- Securing \$15million for a new fund for new Specialist communication codes and complex care codes, leading to the development of the new 'Text advice code', 'Specialist Call Initiation code', and increases in the 'Surgical surcharge caps' and other cSBC communication codes.

Ensuring a well-supported and well-funded organization is critical to effective advocacy on your behalf. We are dependent on your dues. Every Specialist benefits from the advocacy of cSBC and *every Specialist should support cSBC by becoming a member and renewing their membership annually.*

Find out more at <https://specialistsofbc.org> or by emailing specialists@specialistsofbc.org.

Make the Specialist Voice Heard by Joining Consultant Specialists of BC for 2025

Go to <https://doctorsofbc.ca/account/sections> Scroll down to Consultant Specialists of BC, click on the + sign. Click on the appropriate practice category. Click JOIN SELECTED SECTIONS AND SOCIETIES to pay. Thank you!

Respectfully, Chris Hoag – President, Consultant Specialists of BC