



## Introducing the CMIO update

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In these updates, you'll hear directly from Northern Health's Chief Medical Information Officer (CMIO) on important SaferCare updates for medical staff. These updates and other SaferCare resources will be posted to [physicians.northernhealth.ca](https://physicians.northernhealth.ca).

### Meet the CMIO

In September 2023, Dr. Kristina Garrels joined Northern Health as the new interim CMIO and SaferCare Medical Lead. She is a urologist (FRCPSC, ABU) and a board-certified clinical informatics expert who specializes in physician engagement, user experience, and education to help organizations achieve their strategic goals.



While most of her professional time is focused on clinical informatics, Dr. Garrels still practices urology at a community hospital in a small city in Ontario. She is currently based in Ontario where she will be working part-time virtually. She can be reached directly at [kristina.garrels@northernhealth.ca](mailto:kristina.garrels@northernhealth.ca) or (705) 985-6266, or through Tasha Strand who will be supporting her administratively at [tasha.strand@northernhealth.ca](mailto:tasha.strand@northernhealth.ca).

### New SaferCare Medical Staff Advisory Committee

The SaferCare Steering Committee and NH Executive have approved a new SaferCare medical staff advisory committee. Nurse practitioners and physicians are encouraged to apply to join.

**Committee purpose:** This committee will play a major role in decision-making for build content and workflow for SaferCare as we advance and further invest in the Cerner EMR (electronic medical record). If you would like to be involved and have a say in how the Cerner EMR will be built, please submit an expression of interest to be considered for a position on the committee.

**To submit an expression of interest:** complete an [expression of interest form](#) and send to Dr. Ronald Chapman, VP Medicine.

**Committee meeting time:** the second and fourth Monday of the month, from 4pm to 5pm PST via Microsoft Teams.

**Compensation:** hourly compensation will be provided for member participation.



## SaferCare Medical Staff Workshop at NHA Spring Leadership Forum 2024

Based on last year’s positive feedback, this year’s SaferCare medical staff workshop will be bigger and better. More time has been added for demonstration pod visits and hands-on simulation opportunities, including life-size mock-ups of key workflow spaces (e.g., an ICU bay). SaferCare staff and leadership will also be available to answer questions. See the [event details here](#).

**Where:** Prince George Civic Centre. **When:** Wednesday May 8 (4:30pm to 8pm).

**Travel funding information:** please reach out to your MSA engagement partner or your Doctors of BC representative for travel funding information.

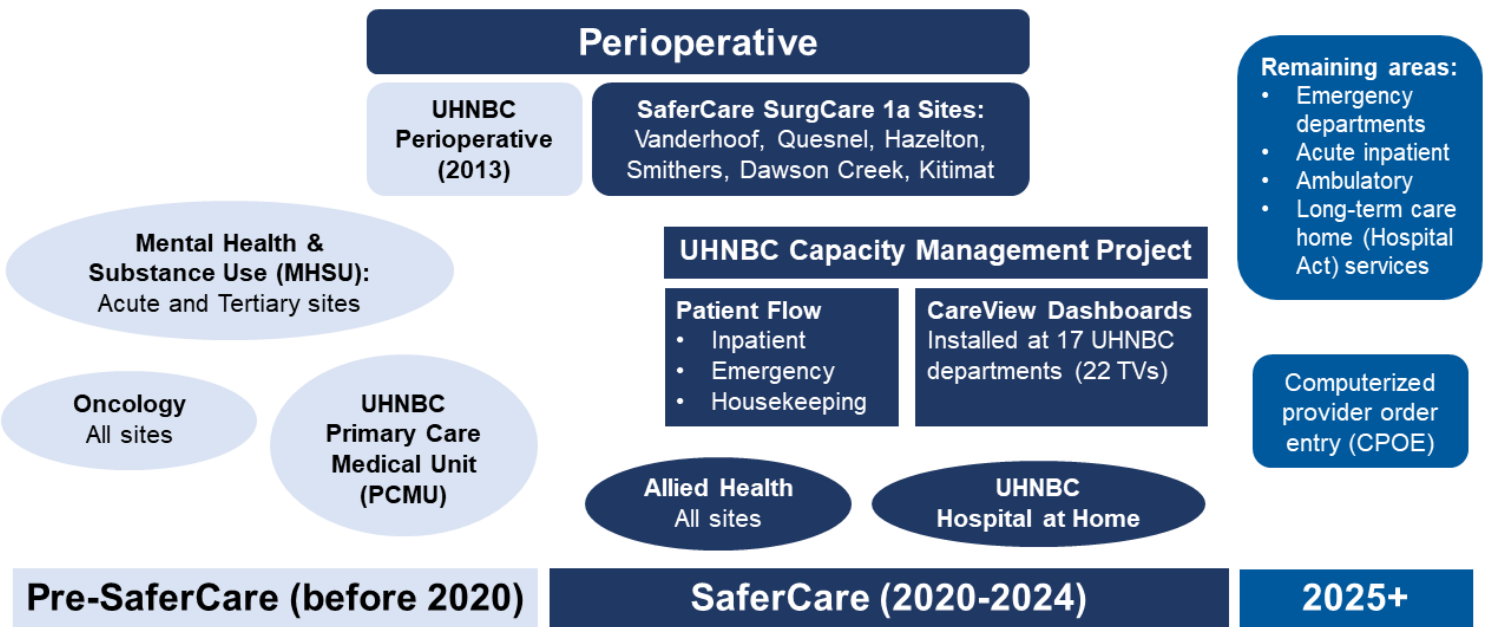
### What’s live for SaferCare now?

Below is a high-level summary of the clinical areas of NH that have gone digital and transitioned to clinical digital documentation since SaferCare started in 2020.



## NH clinical areas that have gone live with clinical digital documentation

As of February 29, 2024



For more information and a full summary, see the [February 29, 2024 SaferCare update](#).