

MEMO

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TO: SHA Rounds; Maternal and Children's Provincial Program; Maternal and Children's Care Settings

FROM: Leah Thorp, Director Education & Research and Dr. Sarah Smith, Obstetrician Gynecologist

RE: MatSK Connect: A Human-Centered Prenatal EHR for Interprofessional Excellence

Greetings,

The Maternal and Children's Provincial Program – Education & Research Department, in partnership with the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, is pleased to announce collaboration as successful recipients of the [Healthcare Insurance Reciprocal of Canada \(HIROC\) Collaborate Safety Grant](#) and Mitacs Business Strategy Internship (BSI) funding.

Our project, **MatSK Connect: A Human-Centered Prenatal EHR for Interprofessional Excellence**, aims to develop standardized provincial perinatal forms and a provincial perinatal pathway, with the long-term vision of evolving toward a provincial perinatal electronic health record. These forms will be co-designed with prenatal care providers, system leaders, stakeholders, and patient and family partners across Saskatchewan.

This work will strengthen prenatal care by improving communication, supporting clinical decision-making, and enhancing interprofessional collaboration in perinatal and neonatal environments. Ultimately, MatSK Connect will contribute to better, safer outcomes for pregnant individuals and families in Saskatchewan.

The MatSK project team is deeply grateful for HIROC's two-year grant funding, which will directly support advancements in safety and quality of care. HIROC brings a national lens to our local work, drawing on shared learning from across Canada to guide system improvement. Their genuine commitment to supporting our teams reflects the true power of partnership in building safer, more effective care.

We are also thankful for the opportunity to receive the Mitacs BSI funding, which further strengthens collaboration between post-secondary students, academic researchers, and the Maternal and Children's Provincial Program. By connecting skilled research talent with health system priorities, the BSI program helps improve operations, streamline processes, and spark new opportunities for innovation.

Delivering consistent, standardized care is foundational to safer care and better outcomes for Saskatchewan people and families. This work strongly reflects the Saskatchewan Health Authority values of **Compassion, Accountability, Respect, Equity, and Safety**. Our partnerships with HIROC and Mitacs play a critical role in advancing our shared goal: creating the safest health system and strongest teams for **Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan**. Should you have any questions, please contact matchildKMU@saskhealthauthority.ca.

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With a commitment to a philosophy of Patient and Family Centred Care

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