



Pan-Canadian Health Data Strategy

**Expert Advisory Group Plenary Meeting
March 25, 2022**

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What We Heard #13

Introduction

The 13th plenary meeting of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) took place on March 25, 2022. This report presents a summary of the feedback received during the plenary meeting.

EAG Chair, Dr. Vivek Goel, noted that this meeting was the final scheduled meeting for the Expert Working Group. He acknowledged however that the momentum for this work continues, and that members may be called to meet again to discuss finalizing the group's third and final report. Dr. Goel recognized the value of the EAG recommendations in informing future health data negotiations and in taking strong, research-based positions on the health data landscape in Canada.

Two final reports were shared with the EAG:

- 1) North American Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (NAO), *Governance of COVID-19 Vaccine Data in Federations*
- 2) Interoperability and Architecture Working Group Discussion Paper, *Health Data and Interoperability Standards*

Review of the EAG Report #3

This meeting of the EAG focussed on reviewing the third and final EAG report. Members reviewed outstanding comments on the report and gave feedback on the latest draft. Members discussed in detail the governance needed to oversee the successful implementation of a pan-Canadian Health Data Strategy, including the proposed functions, membership and structure.

Members discussed how the report should be precise in their recommendations and identify actions that can be immediately be taken to implement the proposed recommendations. The report should also be clear that changes in the Canadian health data landscape will take time and will evolve as the federal, provincial and territorial partners work together to achieve a common end goal.

Wrap up and Next Steps

The next draft of the EAG's third report will be circulated to all members for review and approval. EAG members may be asked to meet again to finalize the report.

The release of the final report is expected at the end of April 2022. Members were asked to think about opportunities for press releases, dialogues and engagement once the report is released.

Dr. Goel thanked all members for their incredible effort over the past year and few months and recognized what an engaged group this was.