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INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION

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QUESTION

Interprofessional Collaboration (IPC) seems to be a really popular phrase these days. What does it really mean?

ANSWER

From the Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative (CIHC) [National Interprofessional Competency Framework](#) (NICF):

Interprofessional collaboration is the process of developing and maintaining effective interprofessional working relationships with learners, practitioners, patients/clients/families and communities to enable optimal health outcomes.

Elements of collaboration include respect, trust, shared decision making, and partnerships. For interprofessional teams of learners and practitioners to work collaboratively, the integration of role clarification, team functioning, collaborative leadership, and a patient/client/family/community-centred focus to care/services is supported through interprofessional communication.

Effective interprofessional communication is dependent on the ability of teams to deal with conflicting viewpoints and reach reasonable compromises. (CIHC, 2010. p. 8)

To find out more about IPC visit:

Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative (CHIC) www.cihc.ca

Health Force Ontario (HFO) www.healthforceontario.ca/WhatIsHFO/AboutInterprofessionalCare.aspx

HFO- Implementing Interprofessional Care in Ontario (May 2010)

www.healthforceontario.ca/upload/en/whatishfo/ipcproject/hfo%20ipcsic%20final%20reportengfinal.pdf

HFO FAQ's <http://www.healthforceontario.ca/WhatIsHFO/FAQs/IPCProject.aspx>