

Ministry of Health - Policy Rounds General Information Sheet

Strategic Policy and Research Knowledge Branch (SPARK)

The role of the Strategic Policy and Research Knowledge Branch is to manage and support the development, implementation, coordination and review of Ministry-wide projects and policy initiatives, in consultation with other divisions, ministries and relevant stakeholders.

Increasing our level of knowledge related to current and emerging health issues assists SPARK with this role. Policy Rounds is a forum where all levels of staff, from all areas of the Ministry, can find out more about a broad range of policy research topics.

Policy Rounds

The objectives of Policy Rounds are:

- i) to raise the level of awareness of current health policy research;
- ii) to promote the use of evidence based decision-making;
- iii) to develop networks (common areas of understanding) among areas of the Ministry, other ministries, academic community and key sectors;
- iv) to support 'ongoing education' as an aspect of our corporate culture; and
- v) to focus attention and increase knowledge related to specific issues.

Presenting at Policy Rounds - Criteria

Topics must be related to policy issues in health and considered 'research,' in its broadest sense.

Topics must be well-defined. We distribute information on upcoming Policy Rounds to a large audience, so the information needs to be clear.

Policy Rounds are open to all Ministry of Health staff so presentations should be appropriate for a broad and varied audience.

Presenters should not be selling either a product or a process. Presenters should not expect that presenting at Policy Rounds will assist them in acquiring support or funding for their work.

For additional information, please contact the Policy Round Facilitator at (250) 952-1571 or HLTH.Policyrounds@gov.bc.ca.

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Policy Rounds presentations are normally an hour in length, followed by a half hour question period. If you can be available for the day, efforts will be made to schedule a working lunch and afternoon meetings with individuals/small groups.

Location

Policy Rounds are presented in the Auditoria A/B at 1515 Blanshard Street.

Recommended Days and Times

The best days to present at the Ministry are Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. The best time is in the morning from 10:30am to noon.

Choosing a Date

Policy Rounds are often booked many months in advance, so please contact the Policy Round Facilitator at (250) 952-1571 for information regarding available dates.

Audio-Visual Equipment and Support

If you require audio-visual equipment or specific materials for your presentation please discuss these needs with the Policy Round Facilitator.

Please note that it is your responsibility to have an electronic copy of your presentation file saved to disk, CD or flash stick.

Presentations - In General

Clarify implications of the information for the audience - successful presentations make obvious the links between the research and the work of the Ministry.

Provide us with any information you feel will assist staff to understand the topic: key points, any related resources, materials and speakers you recommend.

Clarify who you are for the audience – a moderator will be identified to introduce you, as well as your topic. Please provide a brief biography to assist us.

Many people who would appreciate and make use of the information you are offering may be unable to attend your presentation. We will distribute any handouts or PowerPoint presentations to those who request copies if you make these materials available to us.

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