EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORKDepartment of Anesthesia



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2007/2008 Dalhousie University's Department of Anesthesia engaged all departmental members in identifying the actions necessary to support its vision of excellence. Subsequent sessions in 2008/2009 and in 2009/2010 reaffirmed the educational imperative to such a vision.

As a result and in-keeping with its strategic direction of transparency and accountability, educational faculty undertook the groundbreaking work of developing an *Education Accountability Framework* in the spring of 2010.

The result is a framework that addresses the integrated issues of identifying and measuring/reporting performance and productivity as they relate specifically to education. It serves as an all-encompassing snapshot of the requisite preparation and processes faculty engage in to create a worthwhile experience for all learners. It provides an examination of what constitutes success and it speaks to the criticality of learner/faculty feedback.

Lively, far-reaching discussion was the hallmark of the working sessions as front-line educators worked collaboratively with administrative staff and the department's executive director in determining activities, outputs and indicators (*see Appendix A*).

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WHAT IS AN ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK?

An accountability framework is a written document that articulates activities and establishes clear standards and expectations against which we can measure achievements and evaluate results. The Department of Anesthesia has used the *Treasury Board of Canada* model and has thus far modified it for use by the Department of Anesthesia Office of Research, Clinical Services and Blood Management Services. It has proven to be an effective tool in identifying, monitoring and tracking salient outcomes and productivity in these three areas.

The uniqueness of the Department of Anesthesia's educational needs and activities once again necessitated the modification of the model. The *Education Accountability Framework*, in keeping with the Office of Research, Clinical Services and Blood Management Service frameworks, has four (4) sections:

1. Profile: In this section, the necessity for an accountability framework is addressed as are its

advantages and need within the departmental and university context. In addition, the Office of Education's background is described and a snapshot of departmental functions is provided in

the form of an organizational chart.

2. Results Chain: In this section, an overview of a flow chart that logically links **inputs**, or resources devoted to

educational endeavours, to department specific educational **activities** to short and long term **outputs/results** and overall **outcomes** is provided. A more comprehensive results chain is

included in Appendix C.

3. Measurement and Reporting Plan: A key element of any accountability framework is the identification of the most appropriate

indicators, which, in this case, relate to educational activity. In this section, the educational indicators are provided as are the more detailed targets necessary to measure an indicator's success. The measurement tools are provided as is the person/office responsible for the

measurement.

4. Evaluation Strategy:The purpose of measuring and reporting results is to inform sound decision making and

performance management. The evaluation strategy outlines a cyclical, iterative strategy, or life

cycle model, for ongoing learning from results and strategy adjustments as required.

The information contained in each of these sections is specific to the educational work being done by the Department of Anesthesia at Capital Health.

APPROACH

In the spring of 2010, Department of Anesthesia educators and the Executive Director of Anesthesia formed a working group (*see contributors, Appendix A*) that met regularly over a four-week period. This group populated the department's accountability framework template with activities and indicators unique to the learning process that is the art and science of anesthesia medicine.

2 PROFILE

WHY AN ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK'?

The Department of Anesthesia initially identified the need for an education accountability framework during departmental strategic planning sessions in 2007, 2008 and 2009. It is cited as an action in our strategic directions document (10/11).

The accountability framework serves many purposes:

- It supports our values of transparency and accountability by explaining our work, and establishing clear standards and expectations against which performance is reported.
- It enhances the credibility of our academic education program(s) with stakeholders.
- It supports a management culture based on ongoing learning and results while offering the flexibility of regular revision and updating.
- It supports our academic funding plan (AFP) requirements to the Department of Health.

The IWK Health Centre and the QEII Health Sciences Centre AFPs stipulate that the development and implementation of an approved accountability framework is an important component of the respective Agreements.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT FOR THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION

The Department of Anesthesia is an academic department of the Faculty of Medicine at Dalhousie University. As such, its mandate is to develop "highly competent, caring and socially responsible physicians, educators and researchers through programs of the highest academic quality, within a diverse clinical and research-rich environment" (Faculty of Medicine Mission Statement).

The department consists of 96 full and part-time anesthesiologists working at the following sites:

- Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre
- IWK Health Centre
- Dartmouth General Hospital
- Hants Community Hospital
- Saint John Regional Hospital

At present, physicians have protected time to devote to their educational pursuits. Other anesthesiologists have also been supported through protected time on an ad hoc basis to engage in professional development. Core areas of teaching include undergraduate, postgraduate and professional development.

¹ The model for this accountability framework is adapted from Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, *Guide for the Development of Results-based Management and Accountability Frameworks*, August 2001

To advance the academic agenda of the department in the area of education, the organizational structure of the department was adapted to include the Office of Education in 2009. New positions were developed to facilitate the strategic directions for education, including a managing director and several medical director positions.

In academia in general, there is little consensus on the best way to measure educational productivity. There are generally no indicators reported for educational activity other than hours engaged in teaching. The education accountability framework developed for the Department of Anesthesia attempts to address this gap by recognizing the value of the full scope of educational activities, from engaging in the process of curriculum development, to teaching a course, to providing feedback to learners, to influencing clinical best practice.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Head of the Department of Anesthesia has overall accountability for the academic mandate of the department and reports to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. Concurrently, the Head also serves as the Chief of the Department of Anesthesia for the Capital District Health Authority. In these roles, the Head/Chief is responsible to the provincial government through the academic funding plan agreement between the QEII Health Sciences Centre and the Nova Scotia Department of Health to manage, among others, the educational deliverables outlined therein.

The department has constituted an Anesthesia Education Advisory Committee responsible to advise the Executive Director and the Office of Education on matters related to education. The advisory committee consists of representatives of the provincial government, other clinical departments and anesthesiologist educators.

Currently, educators are accountable to the Head on academic matters and communicate through the Office of Education on administrative matters (e.g. budget, staff, annual reporting) (see Appendix B for an organizational chart for the education infrastructure).

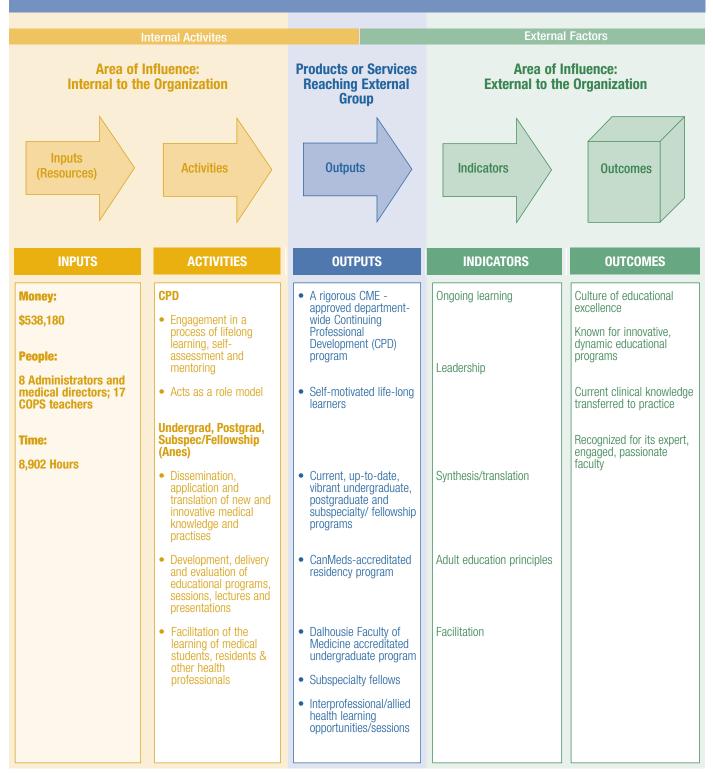
Reporting through the Executive Director, the Managing Director of Education manages the day-to-day operations and operationalizes the Office of Education strategic plan. The Education Coordinator reports to the Managing Director and is responsible for assisting educators to organize and ensure the successful delivery of a wide variety of educational programs.

3 RESULTS CHAIN

RESULTS CHAIN: A SNAPSHOT

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

A cadre of well-supported and renowned educators backed by an Office of Education with an appropriate infrastructure that facilitates education endeavours, is transparent and is accountable.



RESULTS CHAIN: A SNAPSHOT

INPUTS	ACTIVITIES	OUTPUTS	INDICATORS	OUTCOMES
Money: \$538,180	Completion of an assessment/ evaluation process which includes	Collaborative partnerships/practises	Competence	Culture of Educational Excellence
People:	learner & faculty feedback	Competent practitioners	Innovation	Known for innovative, dynamic educational programs
8 Administrators and medical directors; 17 COPS teachers	Utilization of a variety of innovative learning methodologies	Vibrant curriculum and engaged educators	Mentorship	Current clinical knowledge transferred to practice
Time: 8,902 Hours	Preparation of learners for exams	Successful learners and competent, safe practitioners	Management	Recognized for its expert, engaged, passionate faculty
	Administrative		Leadership	
	Participation in the administrative functions/processes necessary to support learners	 An infrastructure that contributes to an efficient, effective learning experience Appropriate candidate selection 		
	All Learners Ethical decision-making processes and practices Leadership development	Leaders external to and within the department		

Refer to *Appendix C* for complete Results Chain

MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING PLAN

A comprehensive list of departmental educational activities and indicators identified in the *Results Chain* have been categorized in the *Measurement & Reporting Plan* according to the various educational functions to be found within the department. These are: continuing professional development (CPD); postgraduate (anesthesia); postgraduate (non-anesthesia); undergraduate; subspecialty; interprofessional/allied health; postgraduate (anesthesia residency); other university/clinical departments and administrative functions.

The measurement tools to be used and the person/office responsible for gathering the relevant data are also identified in the Measurement & Reporting Plan.

A preliminary report based on the indicators/targets identified will be provided to the Head of the department in April of each year with a final report in September/October of each year. This will serve to inform the Department of Anesthesia strategic planning process and be consistent with CDHA's business planning cycle. Key stakeholders for reporting purposes include the Faculty of Medicine Department Head, the Executive Director, the Nova Scotia Department of Health and the public through the Department of Anesthesia's Annual Report.

Category/Activity	Indicator	Target	Measurement Tool	Responsibility
ALL LEARNERS				
Design, prepare, deliver, evaluate & provide feedback to learners	 Adherence to adult learning principles Facilitation Learner satisfaction Synthesis/translation 	90% of learners are satisfied with their learning experience 90% of learners indicate ability to apply material to their work environment	Questionnaires at three (3), six (6), and nine (9) months post learning experience	Office of Education
Engage in ethical decision-making processes and practices	 Ethical practice Personal values/beliefs examined Maintenance of privacy & confidentiality Conflict of interest situations avoided Learners work within their scope of practice 	Two (2) rounds conducted with focus on ethical considerations Two (2) case studies presented with focus on ethical considerations One (1) ethical decision-making workshop delivered	Office of Education annual activity report & audit	
• Develop leaders	• Leadership • Mentorship	An active, formalized mentorship program exists One (1) faculty per year attends leadership development program One (1) national symposium on airway management to be followed by one (1) national meeting to establish airway standards 85% of anesthesia-specific learners assume leadership roles internal to the department eg. chief resident 15% of anesthesia-specific learners assume leadership roles external to the department eg. the department eg. chief resident	Mentorship Program/annual report audit CVs	
Complete assessment (evaluation) process inclusive of learner feedback	Formative & summative evaluations	80% of all internal evaluation forms are completed on time	Bimonthly audits One 45 audit	
Utilize a variety of innovative learning methodologies	• Innovation	Innovative methodologies are evident in needs assessments, curriculum designs, e.g. simulation, presentations/lectures & feedback processes	Annual audit and survey	

Category/Activity	Indicator	Target	Measurement Tool	Responsibility
ALL LEARNERS (CONT'D.)				
Prepare learners for exams	Competence	100% success rate on exams	College of Physicians & Surgeons pass rate	Office of Education
Engage in administrative functions/ processes	• Management	80% attendance at meetings, e.g. RTC, Education Advisory, etc. 100% of requests for reference letters are processed within 3 business days (form letters) 100% face to face ITER feedback 90% of learners satisfied with registration, orientation & mentorship processes 100% of faculty participate in various processes when requested, e.g. CARMS, medical school interviews CARMS deadlines are met 100% of the time 100% of faculty maintain up-to-date teaching dossiers 15% of faculty are Associate Professors 10% of faculty hold crossappointments 40% of faculty are Assistant Professors	Biannual monitoring of attendance sheets Annual audit Annual satisfaction surveys/questionnaires Annual audit; department head's file entitled "FoM Annual Calendar"	
CONTINUING PROFESSION	NAL DEVELOPMENT			
Engage in process of life-long learning, self- assessment and mentoring	 Ongoing lifetime learning Realistic self appraisal Intellectual/personal growth 	An active CPD program inclusive of Grand Rounds, Journal Club, internal workshops and seminars etc. exists 90% of available staff & learners attend Grand Rounds; 80% of target audience attend applicable sessions eg. thoracics attend thoracic-related journal club	Office of Education annual activity report Biannual attendance sheets Annual audit files Annual satisfaction surveys Post-session evaluations Annual audit	Office of Education
		90% of planned CPD sessions occur		

Category/Activity	Indicator	Target	Measurement Tool	Responsibility
CONTINUING PROFESSION	NAL DEVELOPMENT (CONT	ſ'D.)		
Disseminate, apply and translate new and innovative medical knowledge & practices	Learner satisfaction	95% of all faculty within the department are compliant with CME requirements 90% of participants indicate satisfaction with CPD sessions 100% of faculty attend a feedback workshop within the first two (2) years of employment 100% of faculty maintain current ACLS certification	Office of Education Annual Activity Report	Office of Education
POSTGRADUATE ANESTH				
 Ensure safe patient care practices 	Safe care	100% of patients cared for by learners suffer no adverse	Biannual Report (April/October)	Office of Education
curo pruodoco		events directly related to learner-provided care	Monthly quality assurance report	
Develop, deliver and	Synthesis/translation	100% of residents are	Satisfaction surveys after each unit	
evaluate educational programs	Learner satisfaction	engaged in or have completed a research project		
Facilitate the learning of atudents, regidents.	Learner success	75% of available residents	Annual residency research coordinator	
students, residents & other health	Learner demand	attend scheduled seminars, workshops etc.	report	
professionals in an atmosphere of respect for diversity	Faculty engagement	100% of residents complete required clinical rotations	Monthly attendance Evaluation forms	
		100% of faculty guide and teach residents when asked	Monthly One 45 audits	
		An active Simulation Program is available	Annual satisfaction surveys/focus group	
		Accreditation is maintained	Annual audits	
		80% of residents indicate satisfaction with their program inclusive of Wed. afternoon sessions		
		Curriculum is reviewed and updated every two (2) to three (3) years		
		95% of ITERs are completed with learner face-to-face feedback within 60 days of rotation completion	Bimonthly One 45 audits	
		End of rotation ITERs are provided during a face-to-face feedback session	Bimonthly audits	

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POSTGRADUATE ANESTH	ESIA RESIDENCY PROGF	RAM (CONT'D.)		
		100% exam success rate	Annual College of Physicians & Surgeons results	Office of Education
		Successful completion of pre/post tests	Audit	
		100% of residents maintain a procedure log	Annual audit	
		90% of residents complete the program	End of program results	
NON-ANESTHESIA RESIDI	ENTS			
Ensure safe patient care practices	Synthesis/translation	80% of learners are satisfied with their rotation	Satisfaction surveys at the end of each rotation	Office of Education
Develop, deliver and evaluate educational	Learner satisfactionLearner success	100% of mandatory rotations are filled	Biannual audit	
 Facilitate the learning of	Learner demand	60% of elective rotations are filled	One 45	
students, residents & other health professionals in an atmosphere of respect for diversity	Faculty engagement	100% of ITERs are completed within 60 days of rotation completion	Biannual audit	
UNDERGRADUATES				
Ensure safe patient care practices	Synthesis/translationLearner satisfaction	One (1) to two (2) studentships recruited per summer	Annual audit Annual One 45 audit	Office of Education
Develop, deliver and evaluate educational programs	Learner successLearner demand	100% of available rotations are filled with a waiting list of interested students	CARMS data if available	
Facilitate the learning of students, residents & other health professionals in an atmosphere of respect	Faculty engagement	80% of undergraduate students indicate satisfaction with their Anesthesia educational experience	Satisfaction surveys/ questionnaires	
for diversity		Sufficient resources (money, people, time) necessary to deliver on mandate are available	Monitor COPS budgetary support	
		Trend indicates maintenance and/or change in faculty teaching hours	Annual tracking of COPS teaching hours	
		55% of undergraduates who complete an elective apply for an Anesthesia position with Dal (depends on availability of CARMS data)	Annual audit	

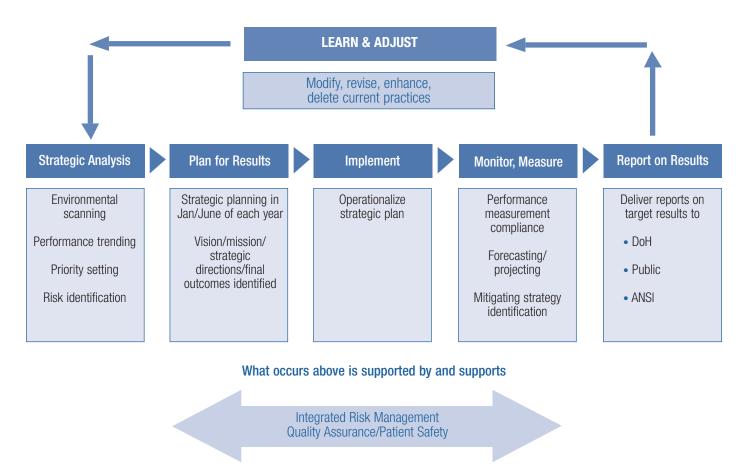
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SUBSPECIALTY/FELLOWS	<u> </u> SHIP			
Ensure safe patient care practices	Fellowship demand/ recruitment	Trend demonstrates increase in # of applicants year over year	Office of Education annual report	Office of Education
Develop, deliver and evaluate educational programs	Learner satisfaction	100% of fellows indicate satisfaction with their learning experience	Satisfaction survey completed midway through and at end of Fellowship program	
 Facilitate the learning of students, residents & other health professionals in an atmosphere of respect for diversity 		on the state of th		
INTERPROFESSIONAL ALI	LIED HEALTH			
• Ensure safe patient care practices	Learner satisfaction	90% of learner satisfaction with the educational experience provided	Satisfaction survey completed at end of learning activity	Office of Education
 Develop, deliver and evaluate educational programs 		100% of employer- sponsored learners are	Focus group conducted every two (2) years	
• Facilitate the learning of students, residents & other health professionals in an atmosphere of respect for diversity		satisfied that the educational experience meets workplace needs		
GRADUATE STUDENTS				
Ensure safe patient care practices	Graduate demand/ recruitment	One (1) to two (2) graduate students supervised by faculty per year	Track & include in Office of Education annual report	Office of Education
Develop, deliver and evaluate educational programs	Learner satisfaction	lacuity por your		
• Facilitate the learning of students, residents & other health professionals in an atmosphere of respect for diversity				
OTHER UNIVERSITY/CLIN	ICAL DEPARTMENTS			
• Ensure safe patient care practices	Recognition of faculty expertise	10 or more requests per year to facilitate/present to other Dalhousie departments	Annual audit of teaching dossier	Office of Education
Develop, deliver and evaluate educational programs		and at forums external to Dalhousie		
 Facilitate the learning of students, residents & other health professionals in an atmosphere of respect for diversity 				

EVALUATION STRATEGY: LIFE CYCLE MODEL

The life cycle approach to evaluation aims to establish a culture rooted in results, ongoing evaluation and learning.

The life cycle approach to evaluation and delivering results supports:

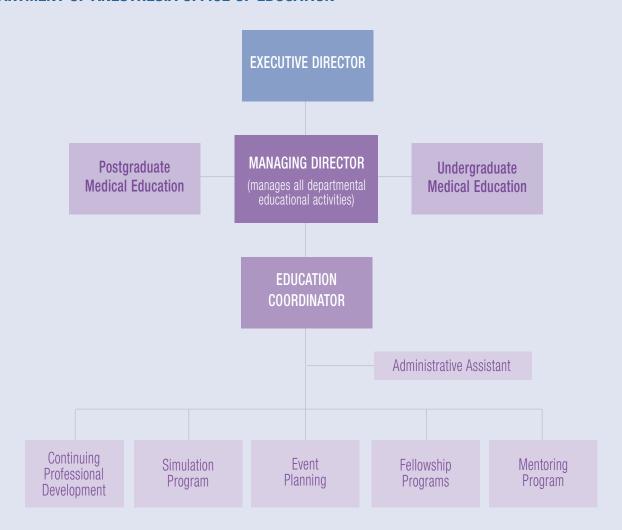
- Results that are clearly defined and aligned with departmental priorities
- Early detection of variances requiring adjustment/modifications
- Clear reporting of results
- Use of data/results to inform strategic analysis and priority setting



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COMPREHENSIVE RESULTS CHAIN

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Money: \$538,180 People: 8 Administrators and medical directors; 17 COPS teachers Time: 8,902 Hours	Engage in process of lifelong learning, self assessment and mentoring Disseminate, apply and translate new and innovative medical knowledge & practises Develop, deliver and evaluate educational programs Facilitate the learning of students, residents and other health professionals in an atmosphere of respect for diversity Ensure safe patient care practises	1) Continuous Professional Development Grand Rounds scheduling, facilitation and presentations Internal workshops, conferences, seminars Resuscitation workshops Journal Club scheduling, facilitation and presentations Knowledge translation workshops/teaching Needs assessment completion Mentor/precepting junior faculty, residents and medical students Delivery of interprofessional pain conferences X two (2) Delivery of blood management conferences (2), workshops (1) & lunch speaker series (4-6) Delivery of global outreach conference Annual CAS Atlantic Regional Meeting Pain Network Speaker Series Pain rounds Collaborative Pain Care Network Simulation sessions ACLS certification	An active CPD program inclusive of Grand Rounds, Journal Club, internal workshops and seminars, etc. exists 90% of available staff & learners attend Grand Rounds; 80% of target audience attend applicable sessions, e.g. thoracics attend thoracic-related journal club 90% of planned CPD sessions occur 95% of all faculty within the department are compliant with CME requirements 95% of participants indicate satisfaction with CPD sessions 100% of faculty attend a feedback workshop within the first two (2) years of employment 100% of faculty maintain current ACLS certification	Culture of educational excellence Known for innovative, dynamic educational programs Current clinical knowledge transferred to practice Recognized for its engaged, passionate faculty of experts

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