

Western Canadian Children's Heart Network

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RE: Seeking new Board Chair for The Western Canadian Children's Heart Network (WCCHN)

WCCHN has quietly built one of the most cohesive service delivery models and comprehensive datasets for pediatric congenital heart disease (CHD) in Canada. We're now looking for a Chair who can help take that from regional strength to national impact.

Accountable To: Assistant Deputy Ministers of Health (four western participating provinces)

Term: Three-year fixed term with possibility of renewal

Commitment: 8-10 hours/month

Availability: Flexible

Location: Remote with flexibility across Canadian time zones (occasional travel as needed)

Compensation: Hourly sessional rate

Start Date: Negotiable; role available immediately

Application Deadline: June 30, 2026

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About WCCHN

At the Western Canadian Children's Heart Network (WCCHN), our mission is simple: we put little hearts in good hands. For over 20 years, we have worked to ensure children and their families receive the best possible cardiac care by connecting expertise across pediatric cardiac centres throughout Western Canada.

Through strong partnerships that span provincial borders, WCCHN brings together leading clinicians, programs, and data to improve access, coordination, and outcomes for children with heart disease. Serving a population of over 13 million Canadians, the Network supports collaboration in clinical care, education, research, and system improvement—helping to ensure children receive high-quality care, wherever they live.

To explore WCCHN's work and impact visit wcchn.ca and read our latest [Impact Report](#).

A Partnership Amongst:



BC Children's Hospital
4480 Oak Street
Vancouver, BC V6H 3V4



Stollery Children's Hospital
8440 112th Street NW
Edmonton, AB T6G 2B7

Alberta Children's Hospital



Alberta Children's Hospital
28 Oki Drive NW
Calgary, Alberta T3B 6A8



Jim Pattison Children's Hospital
103 Hospital Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W8



Children's Hospital, HSC
JM 476 – 820 Sherbrook Street
Winnipeg, MB R3A 1R9



Alongside a highly collaborative, interprovincial model of healthcare service delivery, WCCHN has worked for well over a decade to build one of the most comprehensive pediatric cardiac datasets in Canada. With the two paired together, the Network is now positioned to expand visibility, accessibility, and impact of its data and experience to inform clinical care, system planning, and research to a broader audience.

Your Opportunity

WCCHN is seeking a Board Chair to provide strategic leadership to its Integrated Advisory Board as they guide the organization through the next phase of growth. This role will provide key direction-setting oversight, strengthen stakeholder alignment, and support the continued advancement of shared priorities across jurisdictions, while also planning early transitional stages that will move WCCHN from a collaborative clinical network to a nationally recognized leader in pediatric cardiac care.

Governance Context

WCCHN operates across multiple provinces, hospitals, and care environments to coordinate complex clinical, operational, and data-driven initiatives. The Board Chair plays a critical role in aligning diverse stakeholders, enabling effective governance, promoting accountability, and advancing the network's strategic priorities.

Key strategic focus areas include:

- Equity of access and resourcing
- Benchmarking and data-driven improvement
- Network visibility and national stakeholder engagement

Key Accountabilities

1. Governance

- Ensure organizational alignment with WCCHN mandate and values
- Foster a collaborative, respectful, and high-performing culture
- Help position WCCHN within the broader Canadian landscape as a trusted source of pediatric cardiac data and insight

2. Partnership with Operational Leadership

- Act as a dyad-partner supporting the transition of Board vision to operational outcomes
- Guide, challenge, and support the Program Manager in their strategic implementation
- Maintain regular dialogue on priorities, risks, and governance matters

3. Stakeholder and System Alignment

- Guide strategic alignment across provincial & institutional partners with a network-wide, impartial lens
- Build and leverage relationships across the Canadian healthcare landscape including hospital leadership, provincial health systems, national networks, and research/data communities
- Identify opportunities to position WCCHN's data for broader use in policy, research, and system improvement

4. Integrated Advisory Board Leadership and Effectiveness

- Lead a high-functioning Board with diverse, cross-sectoral membership, fostering a collaborative and respectful governance environment
- Chair meetings to drive focused, productive discussion and clear outcomes, facilitating effective decision-making through consensus-building where appropriate



- Navigate/balance complex and sometimes competing perspectives and priorities across centres, provinces, and disciplines with confidence and sound judgment

Ideal Candidate Profile

WCCHN is seeking a leader who thrives at the intersection of healthcare systems, governance, and data-driven strategy. Candidates may come from a range of backgrounds including but not limited to:

- Senior healthcare or hospital administration
- Government or health system leadership
- National or multi-site clinical networks
- Health data, analytics, or digital health leadership
- Academic or research leadership involving large-scale data
- Hybrid clinician-leaders (physicians with MBA, MHA, or major administrative roles)

Core Capabilities

- Demonstrated systems-level leadership in complex, multi-stakeholder environments
- Experience building and sustaining cross-organizational partnerships
- High degree of credibility, diplomacy, and political acuity
- Proven ability to balance competing stakeholder interests

Key Assets and Experience

- Prior Board experience, ideally in a leadership capacity
- Strong business and financial acumen
- Understanding of the Canadian healthcare landscape and service delivery structures
- Knowledge of interprovincial dynamics, funding flows, and influence pathways
- Experience with large-scale health data, registries, or analytics platforms
- Experience in national or pan-Canadian initiatives

Commitment

- Approximately 8-10 hours per month
- Remote with occasional travel
- Three-year fixed term with possibility of extension
- Includes a supported transition period with the outgoing Board Chair

How to Apply

To learn more or apply, email wcchn@ahs.ca by June 30, 2026.

Applications should include a Letter of Intent and CV.