Please note it is NOT the application form. It is an example to help you prepare the answers for when the application is open.

# **Information**

Deadline: January 20, 2023, 4 pm Pacific Standard Time.  
For help contact: [Rochelle.Szeto@vch.ca](mailto:Rochelle.Szeto@vch.ca) using the subject line “PQI Cohort 7 Intake”  
  
Please note:  
- One application per physician (and one lead per project, i.e., no co-leads)  
  
Before you apply:  
(a) Connect with Operations\* (e.g., Operations or Program Director) and Medical Leaders (Department and/or Division Head where applicable) of the area where the project will take place to discuss your improvement idea;  
\* If you are not sure who is the Operations (VCH) or Program Director (PHC), take a look at the resources below or inquire with the manager of the area  
     i)  VCH Organizational Charts: <https://bit.ly/VCH_OrgCharts>; or  
     ii) PHC Programs: <https://bit.ly/PHC_Programs>   
     (Note: You must log in to the Intranet or be using a Health Authority network computer)  
  
(b) Complete Level 1 training\*\* before submitting, or at the very least, prior to application deadline (Jan 20, 2023)  
\*\* Level 1 provides an introduction to quality improvement (QI) in healthcare and the improvement framework that the curriculum will cover.  You are eligible to receive CME credits and sessional payment of 5 hours.  For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/PLQI_L1>.  
  
(c) Reflect on how your project idea aligns with organizational goals and strategic priorities. For more info, refer to VCH = <http://bit.ly/VCH_Strategy>; or PHC = <http://bit.ly/PHC_Mission_Forward> ).  
  
(d) Review the SSC Exchange (<http://bit.ly/The_Exchange_SSC>) to identify similar projects from where you could learn.    
  
(e)  Refer to <https://medicalstaff.vch.ca/working-for-change/vch-phc-plqi/advanced-qi-training-and-project-support> on what makes a good QI project.  
  
Please note that successful candidates will be required to:  
(f) Complete PQI Level 2: Intermediate Training before September 2023 (registration: <https://forms.gle/onSybq6DZxFw3cRx8> ).

# **Application Questions**

1. Tell us the name of the Operations Director/Program Director of the area where the proposed project will take place?

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1. Tell us the name of the Department Head/Physician Program Director of the area where the proposed project will take place?

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1. If applicable: Tell us the name of the Division Head of the area where the proposed project will take place?

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1. Have you taken Level 1 training?

*Level 1 training comprises IHI Open School QI 101, QI 19103 and Dr. Berwick's video. For more details go here:* [*https://bit.ly/PLQI\_L1*](https://bit.ly/PLQI_L1)

1. Yes
2. Not yet, but I commit to take it before I submit my idea, or by close of intake (Jan 20, 2023)
3. Have you taken Level 2 training?

*Level 2 (previously known as Intermediate or "1 day training"). For more details go here:* [*https://bit.ly/PLQI\_L2*](https://bit.ly/PLQI_L2)

1. Yes
2. Not yet, but will register now and commit to take it before cohort starts.
3. Have you had any other Quality Improvement training? (Select all that apply)
4. BC Patient Safety & Quality Council (Clinician) Quality Academy
5. Physician Leadership Program (PLP) at The Sauder School of Business
6. Others: Click or tap here to enter text.
7. In which site will the improvement project take place? (e.g., VGH, SPH, MSJ, etc.)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. In which department/division or unit will the improvement project be implemented? (e.g., Pender Clinic, VGH Emergency Room, Richmond ACE unit 4N, SPH CICU, etc.)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What is your motivation for wanting to get involved in Quality Improvement in healthcare? (600 characters max incl. spaces)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What problem are you trying to address? (800 characters max incl. spaces)

*i.e. What problem are you trying to address? Why is it a problem? Do you know the size of the problem? Any baseline data?*

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What is the aim of the project? (600 characters max incl. spaces)

*i.e. What are you trying to accomplish within the 10 months for this project?*

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. How does your idea align with organizational goals and strategic priorities? (200 characters max) *For reference, you can consult: VCH =*[*http://www.vch.ca/about-us/strategy*](http://www.vch.ca/about-us/strategy)*; PHC =*[*https://www.missionforward.ca/*](https://www.missionforward.ca/)

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1. The Level 3 QI training is a time-intensive endeavor. It will take place from September 2023 to May 2024 with some preparatory work over Summer 2023. How much time per month can you commit to learning about QI and applying the learnings to your QI project?
2. 10 hours
3. 15 hours
4. Has there been any work done in this area before from which you could learn, either in BC or elsewhere?

*For BC, please visit The Exchange to indicate if similar work from which you could learn has been done before. The Exchange is an online searchable database of QI projects across British Columbia supported by the SSC and Shared Care Committee (SCC) available at:*[*https://sscbc.ca/projects-directory*](https://sscbc.ca/projects-directory)

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What is your plan to engage patients in the design of your project?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Do you have team members who will work on this project? Please specify name and title if available.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. How did you hear about this initiative? (Select all that apply)
2. Medical Staff website (VCH/ PHC)
3. PQI Level 2: Intermediate training (previously called "1-day training")
4. PQI Alumni
5. MSA/ MAC email
6. Department email
7. Others: Click or tap here to enter text.

Note: The support from Operation (Program) Directors and Department/ Division head are very important to the success of the project, it will be included in our selection criteria.