

# DIGITAL AND VIRTUAL HEALTH



eHealth 2023

Abstract: "The Virtual Health Atlas: Accelerated Prototyping on New Terrain"

*I acknowledge with gratitude, that we are gathered on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. These lands are also now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples who have cared for and nurtured the lands and waters around us for all time. I give thanks, as an Occupier, for the opportunity to live, work and support care here.*



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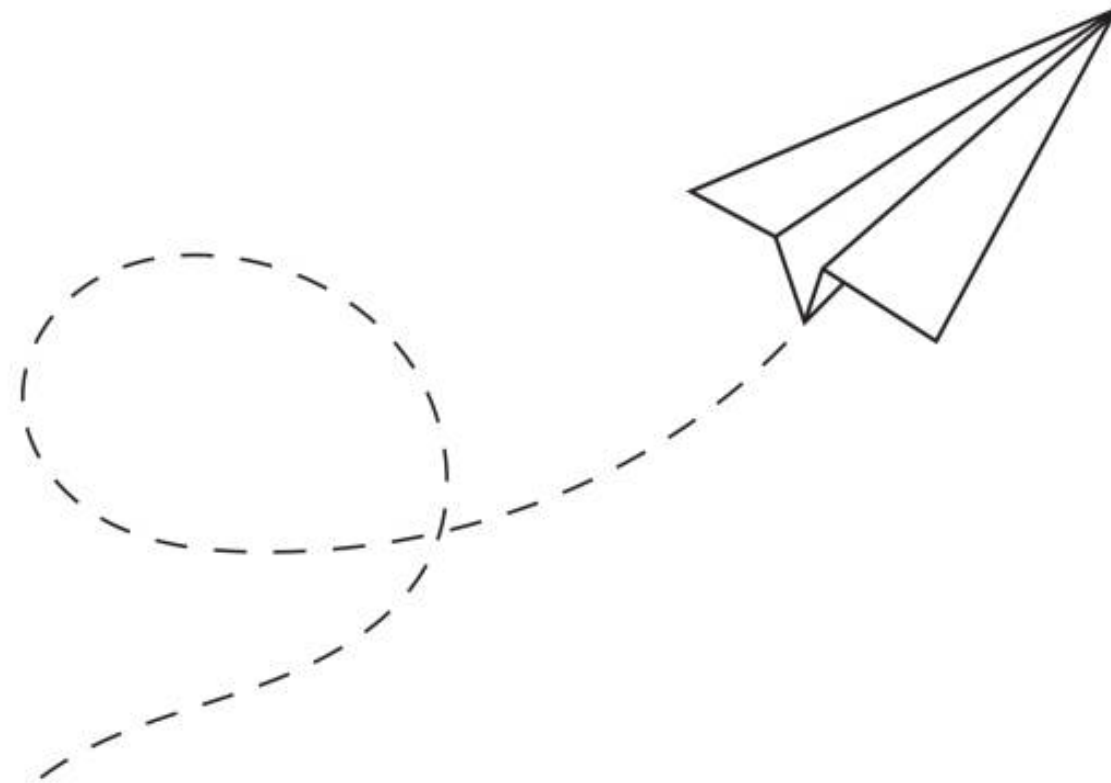
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# OUR JOURNEY

Problem

Methodology &  
Approach

Solution



# WHAT IS AN ATLAS?

## atlas noun

at·las 'at-ləs 

- capitalized** : a Titan who for his part in the Titans' revolt against the gods is forced by Zeus to support the heavens on his shoulders
- capitalized** : one who bears a heavy burden
- a** : a bound collection of maps often including illustrations, informative tables, or textual matter  
**b** : a bound collection of tables, charts, or plates
- : the first vertebra of the neck



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# THE PROBLEM

Virtual and Digital health is complex, new, and takes time to demonstrate its value.

We recognize there is an opportunity for better coordination and collaboration across the province.



# B.C. Digital Health Strategy Alignment 2023

## OUR GOAL

A digitally-enabled health system trusted by all who use it.

## OUR VISION

Digital health services, tools and processes support a connected, safe, and trusted health system, empower all users and help address population health needs.

### Objective 1

Empower Patients



### Objective 2

Improve Provider Experience



### Objective 3

Establish a Connected Health System



### Objective 4

Enable the Business Enterprise



# HOW CAN THE ATLAS HELP?



When **investing in innovative technologies**, it is important to the public that health care is utilizing **leading edge technology and not falling behind.**



Recent **health literacy survey data** suggests that the public **need more confidence in distinguishing and using reliable health resources** to make health-related decisions.



Insights show that **technical interoperability** is a priority as the digital health leaders, patients, and providers **demand** an improved and connected health system for information **exchange.**

All data summarized from Canada Health Infoway (2022-23) Infoway Insights.

# THE PAINPOINTS

"The current system is not intuitive regarding finding resources."

"I want to learn about work across the province and expand on it versus starting something entirely new and different. We need to be set up for success."

"I want data on virtual health initiatives and to be able to filter things by clinical usage, need, and region."

"It would be so wonderful to be able to speak to what's happening in digital and virtual health across the province and identify trends."



**Mary**  
Clinician and Practice Leader, Penticton, BC  
41 years old

*"I want to search through and see the main contact if someone was involved with something similar to what we're trying to do, whether I'm trying to get a clinical objective, or use a similar tool and want to connect with someone. I can potentially expand on that work versus starting something entirely new and different."*

*"I want different permutations of data and be able to see the usage for all of the different virtual health initiatives, or if I wanted to filter things by clinical need and region for example."*

#### Goals

- I need a way of tracking my competency around virtual health and evaluate it.
- New technology is being introduced and I need to learn how to use that technology.
- I would like to view case studies to learn from.
- I want to learn about regulations or policies that may affect the way I practice with new technologies introduced or mandated.
- I want to learn how to evaluate clinical outcomes of new technology.
- I want to look at evidence-based research and evaluation reports to help with my clinical decision making.
- I want to use the competency framework to help me address practice issues.
- I want to identify funding or partnership opportunities based on the success of current models deployed and evaluated in other organizations, sites or programs.

#### Access

I have access to a desktop, but my job has me moving around a lot and would require a solid mobile experience on my phone or a tablet.

#### Frustrations

- Current resources are difficult to navigate, or find the right information.
- I can't be sure if information is up to date.
- I have very little time.
- There is very little professional practice resources in regards to digital and virtual health care.
- How do I plan new workflows or practice changes when new technology is being mandated without known case studies?
- I want change via digital or virtual health solutions but I need more evidence and research to help introduce it.



**Natalie**  
Hospital Admin, Victoria, BC  
46 years old

*"The current system is not intuitive regarding finding resources."*

*"It would be so wonderful to be able to speak to what's happening in virtual health across and identify trends. So you're going to be able to see where you could expand or build on."*

#### Goals

- I need knowledge about a service delivery to be able to provide support to the clinicians delivering those services.
- I want to learn about new capabilities so that I can update the practices in my own organization.
- I want to see examples of what others have done as guidance.
- I want to be able to share resources with others easily.
- There are so many virtual and digital health products in the market where do I start and what is already trusted in our system (with results)?
- Who can I connect with that can provide me more information about what has been done?
- I need case studies or evidence to help inform my recommendations to programs I work with.

#### Access

I am usually on my desktop, but it is not unusual for me to be on a mobile device or laptop at home in the evening.

#### Frustrations

- Current resources are difficult to navigate, or find the right information.
- I can't be sure if information is up to date.
- There is no consolidated view or searchable database of what has been tried and/or tested in our system.
- I can only rely on my immediate network for information or referrals about what has been tried or tested in other programs or sites.
- How do I know I'm getting the best-fit solution for my site or program?
- There is a lack of provincial, easy access inventory to see all QI projects related to VHI, if I use Atlas then I can see what's being done, the progress, and only start new QI projects that are not done already.



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# THE SOLUTION



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*Product Vision:*

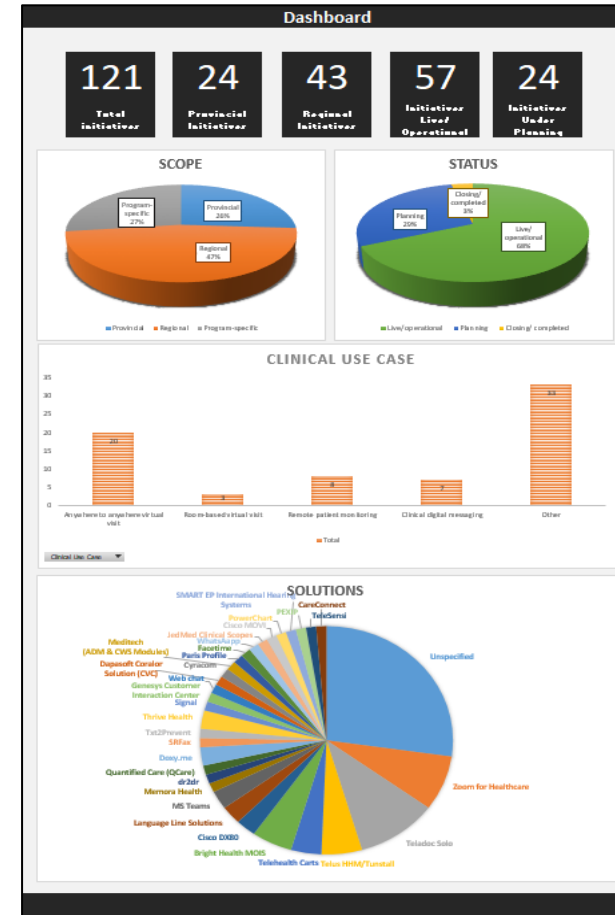
*To become a center of excellence for digital and virtual health*

*Mission :*

*Drive healthcare transformation through digital and virtual health collaborations, innovation and knowledge mobilization in BC.*

# HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Project/Initiative Name	Summary	Clinical Use Case	Target Patient Population	Scope Indicator	Partner Organizations	Solutions	OPTIONAL Solution Use	Status Indicator	OPTIONAL Categories
<b>Virtual Health Visits (Teladoc)</b>	This initiative enabled cloud-based applications to enable audio-visual virtual visits between patients and providers from anywhere to anywhere.	Anywhere to anywhere virtual visit	Provincial	Provincial	Fraser Health Authority, Interior Health Authority, Island Health, Northern Health Authority	Teladoc Solo	The solution enables the virtual visit.	Live/operational	
<b>Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)</b>	VRI is a service that brings in language interpreters on demand to facilitate communication between provider and patient with limited English proficiency (LEP) and deaf and/or hearing-impaired using a smartphone, tablet or computer with webcam. Multiple languages and sign language interpreters are available.	Anywhere to anywhere virtual visit	Provincial	Provincial	PHSA, VCH, PHA, Northern Health Authority	Language Line Solutions	The solution brings in a live interpreter on demand either via a tablet on-site (for in-person visit) or via a Zoom call virtually.	Live/operational	
<b>Remote Patient Monitoring (Telus HBM)</b>	Home Health Monitoring (HBM) platform uses remote patient monitoring technology to monitor a patient's health, and share the information electronically with health care teams.	Remote patient monitoring	Provincial	Provincial		Telus HBM/Turata		Live/operational	Hospital/Home
<b>Clinical Digital Messaging Initiative (Moxiva)</b>	MIM (Smart Message Service) text messaging is a low-barrier, two-way communication method between clinicians and patients. This initiative involves a platform to manage the texting between patients and providers to enhance patient engagement and team collaboration for improved outcomes.	Clinical digital messaging	Provincial	Regional	BCCDC, BOMHUS	Moxiva Health		Live/operational	
<b>BC Cancer VHI Initiatives</b>	BC Cancer has implemented and continues to expand the use of Zoom to enable anywhere to anywhere patient visit with virtual interpreting expansion planned on its roadmap; remote patient monitoring (RPM) is used for patients on that mobility in Victoria and planning has commenced to pilot remote patient monitoring for immunotherapy patients in Kelowna. To support remote work and virtual visits, electronic letters is used by the BCCDC has joined the virtual interpreting expansion project at the TB sites. Zoom workflow review and optimization has been completed for ITI and TBIC sites. Planning for how to increase adoption of Zoom visits in ambulatory and TB sites has been engaged in the creation of TB site specific virtual health appointment and guidelines. Clinical digital messaging is in use in BCCDC ITI sites and planning is in progress for clinical digital.	Anywhere to anywhere virtual visit	Provincial	Program-specific		Zoom for Healthcare		Live/operational	
<b>BC CDC VHI Initiatives</b>	BC CDC has implemented and continues to expand the use of Zoom to enable anywhere to anywhere patient visit with virtual interpreting expansion planned on its roadmap; remote patient monitoring (RPM) is used for patients on that mobility in Victoria and planning has commenced to pilot remote patient monitoring for immunotherapy patients in Kelowna. To support remote work and virtual visits, electronic letters is used by the BCCDC has joined the virtual interpreting expansion project at the TB sites. Zoom workflow review and optimization has been completed for ITI and TBIC sites. Planning for how to increase adoption of Zoom visits in ambulatory and TB sites has been engaged in the creation of TB site specific virtual health appointment and guidelines. Clinical digital messaging is in use in BCCDC ITI sites and planning is in progress for clinical digital.	Clinical digital messaging	Provincial	Program-specific	TBIC, VCH, STIC, HSA	Zoom for Healthcare, HBM		Live/operational	
<b>BC C&amp;W VHI Initiatives</b>	BC C&W has implemented video remote interpreting project at regional and ambulatory areas. NCIU Virtual Patient Functions have been tested successfully. Transition of SBC to Zoom, and Video to Hearing in various programs across C&W supporting annual visits that exceed 500 participants. C&W platform engaged division to transition messaging service to use at PCU and EOC&C care communication, and is being investigated.	Clinical digital messaging	Provincial	Program-specific	Regional and ambulatory areas, NCIU, PCU	Digital, Zoom for Healthcare	Video remote interpreting, Cross platform engaged division to transition messaging service	Live/operational	
<b>BC EHS VHI Initiatives</b>	BC EHS has implemented provincial office of video remote interpreting for ASL. Work in progress for video visit enhancement at BCCDC to enable anywhere to anywhere patient visit. Planning is underway to introduce video visit and bring Your Own Device in the Community to enable remote evidence-based, patient-centred care in May 2024, as an enhancement to the Clinical digital support, which allows pre-hospital video visits between on-site and remote care.	Anywhere to anywhere virtual visit	Provincial	Program-specific			Video remote interpreting for ASL	Live/operational	
<b>BC MHSUS VHI Initiatives</b>	BC MHSUS has implemented clinical digital messaging and expanded the use of electronic letters to include all clinical documents through necessary. Online treatment and resources program is developed at the Burnaby Centre for Mental Health. In addition, in addition, work on virtual interpreting expansion is in progress. Disability Free Online, an online substance use education service, is implemented and will be undergoing an evaluation this year.	Clinical digital messaging	Provincial	Program-specific	Burnaby Centre for Mental Health Addition	Breaking Free Online		Live/operational	
<b>VHI Education</b>	The team developed learning and training resources for various VHI roles. Ongoing work focuses on general virtual health visit education, virtual health education needs assessment and course development across PHSA clinical programs, patient engagement and education, virtual health e-learning curriculum development, and adding provincial virtual health education website.	Others	Provincial	Provincial				Live/operational	
<b>VHI Data, Analytics &amp; Evaluation</b>	The team developed virtual health evaluation tools in collaboration with stakeholders. Data, analytics & evaluation work in progress with planning work ongoing for in-scope projects across regional VHI programs.	Others	Provincial	Regional				Live/operational	



# METHODOLOGY & APPROACH

1. Utilize **RADaR (rapid and rigorous qualitative data analysis)** and **SAFe (scaled agile framework)** for requirements gathering
2. Utilize iterative, just-in-time lean and agile approach to create a **minimal viable product (MVP)**
3. Utilize the MVP as a **proof of concept** for engagement with a wider audience

# RADaR and SAFe

## Rapid and Rigorous Qualitative Data Analysis (RADaR)

The RADaR technique is an individual and team-based approach to coding and analyzing qualitative data. It is most beneficial for producing project deliverables. It involves rigorously converting raw data through "data reduction" in all-inclusive data tables into a user-friendly format.

Source: [Rapid and Rigorous Qualitative Data Analysis - SAGE Journals](#)

## Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe)

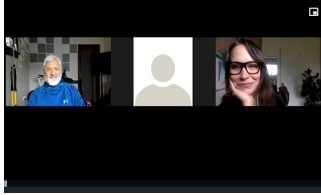
"SAFe provides a scalable requirements model that demonstrates a way to express system behaviors: Epics, Capabilities, Features, Stories, Nonfunctional Requirements (NFRs)"

Source: [Scaled Agile Framework – SAFe Requirements model](#)



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## Conduct User Interviews



## Populate Transcripts

00:00:02 **Melissa** Virtual visits, a good spot for us to start. So before we start, did you have any questions for me about this project or about what we're going to be talking about today?

00:00:10 **Amy** No, I happen to know quite a bit about this. Perfect.

00:00:15 **Melissa** So you can run us through. That's great to hear. So if you have any questions as we go, just feel free to stop and ask me. Okay. Okay. All right. So I'm just wondering if we could start by you telling me a bit about your role in virtual health and what you're responsible for in that role?

00:00:22 **Amy** Sure. I'm the sector leader for provincial partnerships, clinical innovation. I lead the support for the integration and adoption of virtual health solutions with what are PHSA called the hubs and PCPs, the health improvement networks and the provincial clinical programs. So the role is to help them understand what their clinical needs are and find appropriate solutions to transform the care that they're delivering. And so I only do it as a team to help with that work, and we look at innovative ways to help support those clinical programs. I also lead the provincial coalition approach to virtual health as part of my role within office of virtual health. And that work involves partnership with the regional health authorities and other health organizations to help understand how to understand for virtual health and its impact. And it also helps support the evaluation of particular virtual health implementation within PHSA and outside PHSA.

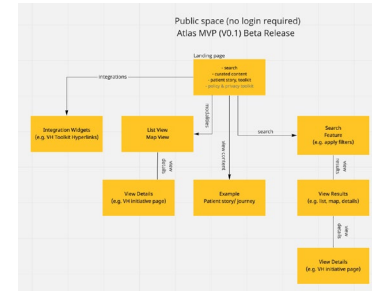
00:00:38 **Melissa** Okay. Sounds like you must have a very fantastic team. And it also sounds like you're working across health authorities. So I think that your insights are going to be really valuable today. So in your work, what do you work that you know about your colleagues work in other virtual health offices? What do you think about and what?

00:00:46 **Amy** Yeah. You know, I think this, well, a few things. So the first thing that comes to mind is just understanding what areas and what doesn't work from their experience. And what I mean by that is I would like to be in their shoes for a brief moment, look through their eyes and their experiences in the specific context of work that they're involved in, understand what their operational priorities are. Their clinical priorities are the, some of the constraints and barriers that they're facing and how they overcome those in designing and implementing specific solutions. Because

## Coding & Theming

Segment	Start	End	Topic	Code	Theme
1	00:00:00	00:00:10	Virtual visits	Virtual Health	Virtual Health
2	00:00:10	00:00:20	Integration	Integration	Integration
3	00:00:20	00:00:30	Partnerships	Partnerships	Partnerships
4	00:00:30	00:00:40	Challenges	Challenges	Challenges
5	00:00:40	00:00:50	Successes	Successes	Successes

## High Level Requirements & System Behaviors

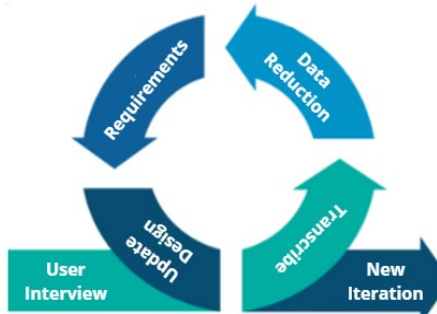


Requirement ID	Req	Requirement Name	Linking Page
REQ-001	1	User can search for virtual health initiatives	Search Page
REQ-002	2	User can view details of a virtual health initiative	View Details Page

## Product Requirements Log

Req ID	Req	Requirement Name	Linking Page	Priority	Status	Assigned To	Created	Updated
REQ-001	1	User can search for virtual health initiatives	Search Page	High	Complete	Jane Doe	2023-01-01	2023-01-05
REQ-002	2	User can view details of a virtual health initiative	View Details Page	Medium	In Progress	John Smith	2023-01-03	2023-01-10

RADaR



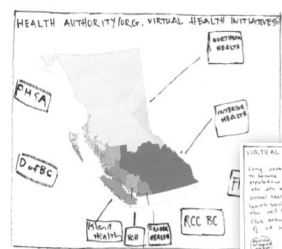
New Iteration

SAFE

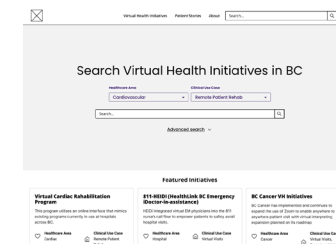
## Virtual Health Inventory

Initiative Name	Location	Start Date	End Date	Status
Virtual Care Hub	BC	2020	2023	Active
Telehealth Services	BC	2019	2023	Active
Virtual Health Network	BC	2021	2023	Active

## Sketches



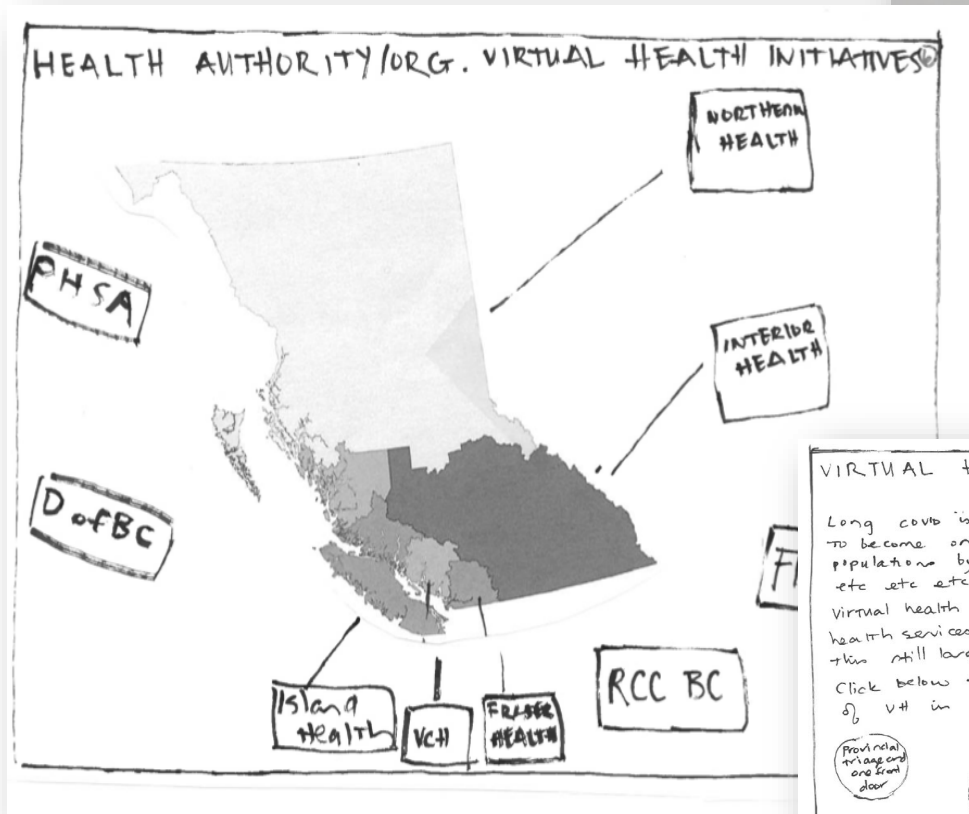
## Wireframe



## Prototype



# CONCEPTUAL DESIGN & SKETCHES



BC Provincial Virtual Health Atlas

Date

{ tagline }

I'm looking for a

Scope	Project that is	Status
Provincial		Planning
Regional		Live
Program-specific		Completed

Name + logo

Initiative wiki name

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label1, label2, label3

Related initiatives

VIRTUAL HEALTH IN... LONG COVID

Long covid is a complex condition that is estimated to become one of the world's largest chronic disease populations by 2023. Symptoms are heterogeneous and etc etc etc etc.

Virtual health has the capacity to connect patients to health services and increase the knowledge base of this still largely misunderstood condition.

Click below to learn more about the current use of V# in long covid care in B.C.:

Provincial triage and one front door

Virtual health visits

RCC BC non urgent consult line

Group classes with allied health professionals

ROOM FOR GROWTH:

MEET THE TEAMS! @VH RCCBC FH VGH SPH

Name + logo

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Map

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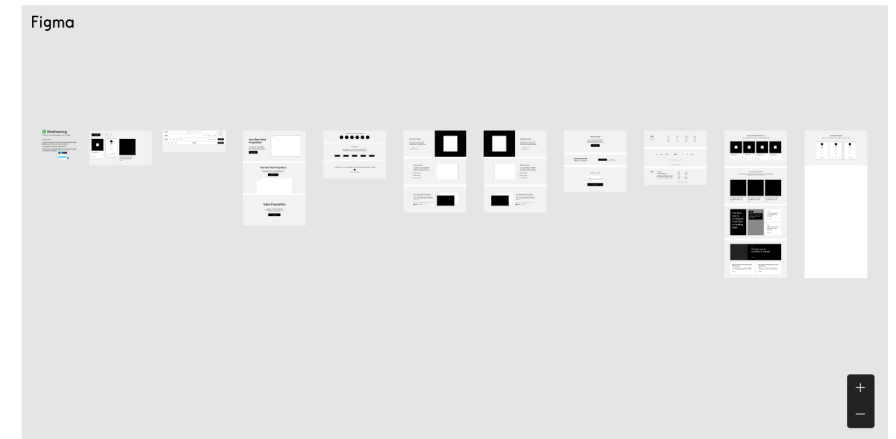
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# WIREFRAME DESIGN

“A wireframe is a simple visual guide that represents the skeletal framework of a website or digital product. Think of it as the blueprint for your final design.”

Typically used after concept sketching and before high-fidelity mock-ups.

<https://www.figma.com/blog/how-to-wireframe/>





Welcome to the

# BC Virtual Health Atlas

a tool for Healthcare providers and administrators

## Explore solutions around the province



### Programs & Initiatives

How clinicians are using the tools, technologies of Virtual Health around BC



### Patient & Clinician Stories

See the impact of Virtual Health for patients and clinicians



### Lessons Learned

Take home lessons we've learned about Virtual Health so far



### Technology & Tools

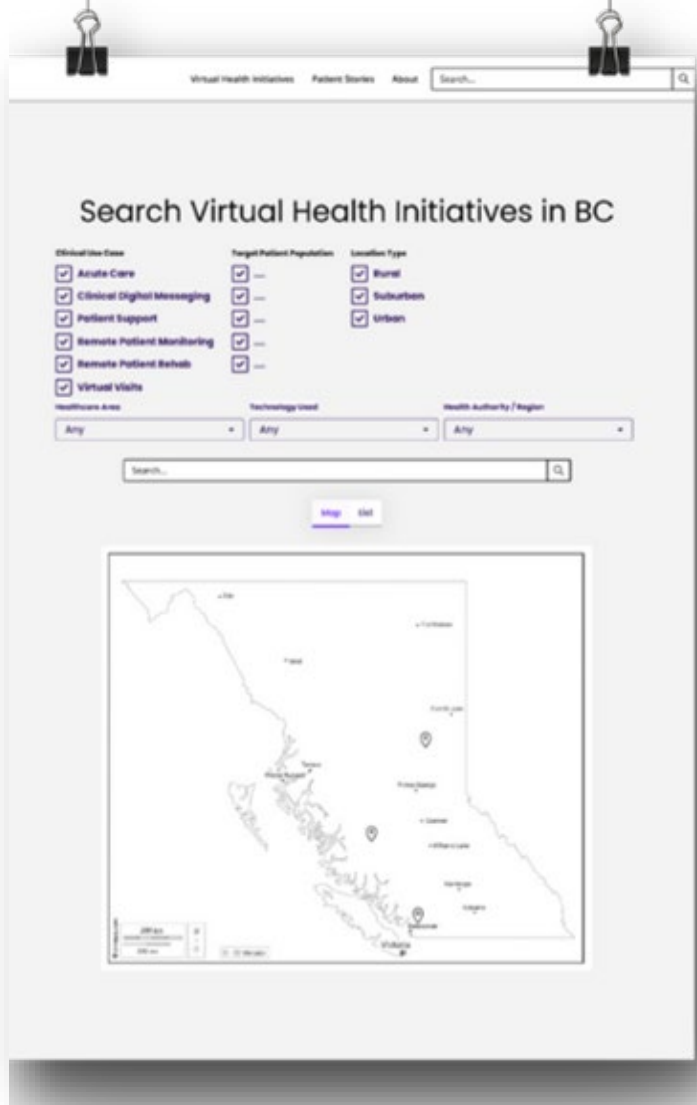
Understand the tools used in Virtual Health and get toolkits that will help you implement them



## Explore the Atlas

See the dozens of programs and tools already implemented around BC. Hear stories from patients and clinicians.

[Explore All of Virtual Health >](#)



## Patients and Clinicians' experiences in their own words

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Show Filters Displaying 55 Patient & Clinician Stories

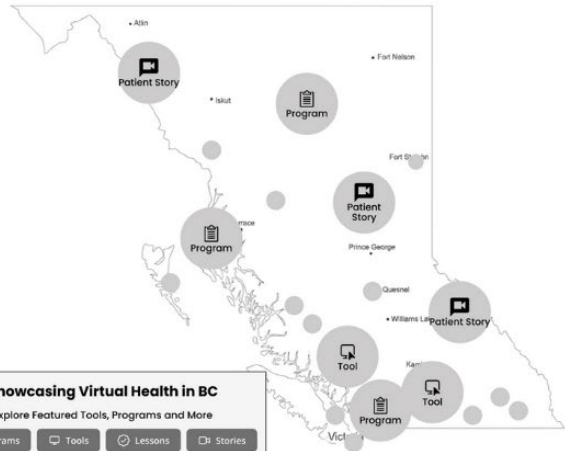
### "Virtual Health saved me time and helped keep my recovery on track"

Patrick Jepsen, BC Cardiac Patient

Clinical service / specialty  
Cardiac

Clinical Use Case  
Remote Patient Rehab

## BC Virtual Health Atlas



### Showcasing Virtual Health in BC

Explore Featured Tools, Programs and More

- Programs
- Tools
- Lessons
- Stories

## Virtual Health Search

Advanced search



Search All of Virtual Health

## BC Virtual Health Atlas

Explore VH around BC:

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Advanced search

### Cancer VH Initiatives

Cancer has implemented and continues to expand the use of Zoom to enable anywhere anywhere patient visit

Clinical service / specialty Cancer	Clinical Use Case Virtual Visits
Key Benefit Increased Capacity	Organizer BC Ministry of Health

**Patient Story**  
I would do anything to avoid the hospital during COVID-19

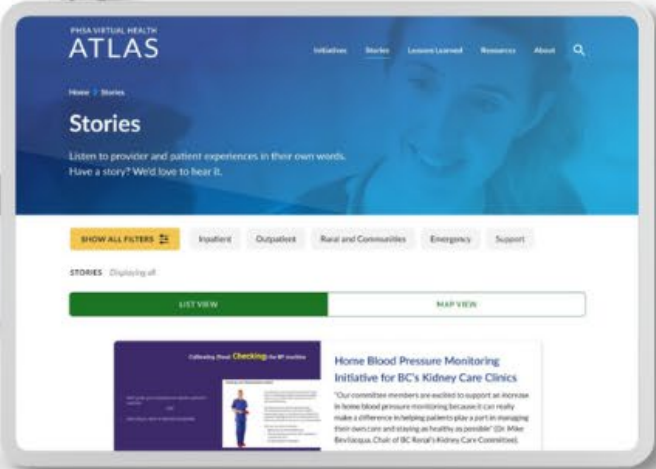
### Featured Patient Stories

**Completing my rehab on my own time**  
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# FINAL PROTOTYPES



Home > Initiatives

# Innovations at Work

Explore BC's virtual health landscape and discover exciting projects and learnings. Together, we can accelerate our province's well-being.

**FILTER INITIATIVES**

Search Keywords

Scope: Any

Healthcare or Specialty Area: Any

Target Patient Population: Any

Technology: Any

Status: Any

Health Authority: Any

Learning Categories: Any

**CLEAR FILTERS**

HIDE FILTERS

Support Rural/Community Outpatient Inpatient Emergency

INITIATIVES 8 results

LIST VIEW **MAP VIEW**



**Virtually-Enabled Post-Covid Recovery Care in BC**

8 min read

Post-COVID Recovery Clinics implemented digital strategies to help increase access and improved experience for patients experiencing persistent symptoms after recovering from a COVID-19 infection. The strategies launched in winter of 2021 included the digital assessment tool (which allows PCRCs to collect patient questionnaires with efficiency and...

[Read more](#)

**ASK AN EXPERT**



Virtual care near me  
VH patient resources  
VH patient education  
VH FAQs

# Trailblazing Virtual Health

Our knowledge translation tool shares BC's virtual health initiatives to learn from one another and advance our collective practices.

[EXPLORE THE ATLAS >](#)

**Initiatives >**  
Explore BC's virtual health landscape

**Stories >**  
Discover people's virtual health experiences and reflections

**Lessons Learned >**  
Navigate outcomes, developments, metrics, and insights

**Resources >**  
Access toolkits, frameworks, education, and helpful links

BC interoperability guide  
Best practice toolkits  
FHIR sandbox  
Vendor showcase  
BC health data resources  
Lesson learned

STORIES

## In their own words

Lived experiences, data stories, articles, and team presentations offer diverse perspectives to inspire, inform, and illustrate approaches to virtual health.



Tessa Diacum, a pediatric nurse practitioner at the BC Children's Hospital.

**Read more about:** Province-wide Zoom for Health Care Initiative



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**Read more about:** Provincial Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)



BC Cancer patient Jennifer Robertson uses virtual health visits for doctor appointments.

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The VRI Initiative is the first ASL interpreting app for paramedics.

**Read more about:** Provincial Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)



Virtual Health visits have cut down trips to the cancer clinic

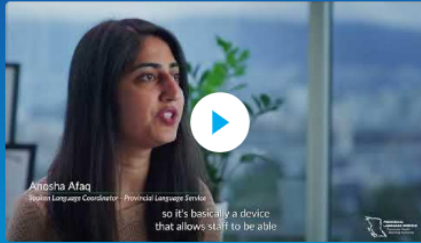
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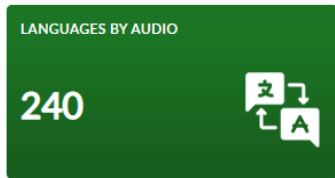
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Effective communication between patients and care-providers is a key ingredient for better patient outcomes.



Anisha Afq  
Provincial Language Coordinator - Provincial Language Service  
so it's basically a device that allows staff to be able

Overview Lessons Learned Technology Solution Additional Resources Organizers & Collaborators



RESPECT

SAFETY

APPROPRIATENESS

EFFECTIVENESS

EQUITY

These ratings are part of a self-assessment completed during content intake for this initiative. The assessment is based on the BC Health Quality Matrix Companion Guide and Canada Health Infoway technical dimensions of virtual health experience. Review the self-assessment rubric [here](#).

- Scope: Province-wide
- Healthcare or Speciality Area: All
- Target Patient Population: Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of hearing, Limited English Proficiency
- Technology: Corporate Mobile Devices, SaaS, SMS, Tablets
- Status: Implementation, Sustained

Last updated: Nov 09, 2021

## Project Details

Effective communication between patients and care-providers is a key ingredient for better patient outcomes. Even within the same language, definitions and meanings can easily be misconstrued, so it is important to address interpretation in a culturally meaningful way. VRI offers an alternative to interpretation in-person and via phone to help enhance communication between healthcare providers and patients who face language barriers.

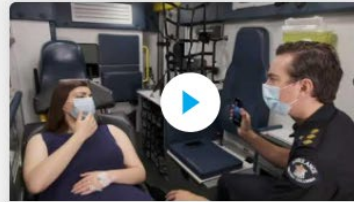
BC is home to people who speak many different languages, including Punjabi, Cantonese, Mandarin, Farsi, German, Tagalog, American Sign Language (ASL), and more. Having access to language interpretation in physician appointments, hospitals, and other healthcare settings is an important part of delivering safe and linguistically and culturally appropriate care. For Deaf, Deaf-Blind, or Hard of Hearing (DDBHH) individuals, having access to sign language interpretation service when accessing health care is a constitutional right. The Provincial Language Service of Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA), which offers interpreting services for health authorities and private physician offices in person and by phone, had received over 160,000 requests for interpreting services in 2019 alone. Virtual language interpretation provides additional access to language interpretation to help ensure equitable care for patients who face language barriers. This is needed now more than ever with the changes resulting from responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the dramatic expansion of virtual healthcare, safety precautions that limit the presence of a support person in ambulances and medical appointments who may be able to translate, and the use of protective masks that prevent DDBHH patients from reading lips and facial expressions.

### KEY GOALS

- To ensure equitable access to health care for limited English proficient and Deaf and hard of hearing patients across the province
- To offer an alternative solution in addition to interpretation in-person and via phone
- To observe cost efficiency outcomes for both planned and unplanned health visits

## Stories

Here are some stories of various VRI implementations for emergency services and other healthcare areas.



### With Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)

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Video Remote Interpreting (VRI)



### NEWS RELEASE

First-in-Canada app connects Deaf, Deaf-Blind & Hard of Hearing Patients to interpreters serving Hearing Patients

The VRI initiative is the first ASL interpreting app for paramedics

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## Lessons Learned

British Columbians who speak languages other than English or French and for those who are Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and Hard of Hearing (DDBHH), language barriers can lead to challenges and frustration when accessing healthcare. The VRI pilot project in 2020 in select clinical and hospital settings in the Lower Mainland received positive feedback from providers and patients - 97% of patients and 99% of providers reported wanting to continue using VRI - and the number of requests for VRI increased at the Vancouver General Hospital and Lions Gate Hospital.

An evaluation of the year-long pilot initiative showed the following results for patients who face language barriers and patients who are DDBHH:

- ### Reduced average length of stay in hospital, readmission rate, and average time in ED

A pre- and post-implementation comparison in a geriatric inpatient unit and ED at VGH showed statistically significant reductions in average length of stay (by >7 days), 7-day readmission rate (by 69%), and average time in ED (by 3 hours) for this population
- ### Decreased rate of short-notice cancellation for interpreter requests

At BC Cancer Vancouver, the rate of short-notice cancellation (i.e. requests cancelled within 24 hours prior to start time) historically ranged from 10-15% but dropped to 10%
- ### Reduced rate of unmet requests for an interpreter

The overall rate of unmet requests for an interpreter decreased from above 5% to below 5% (a statistically significance reduction) during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

# OUTCOMES & CONCLUSION

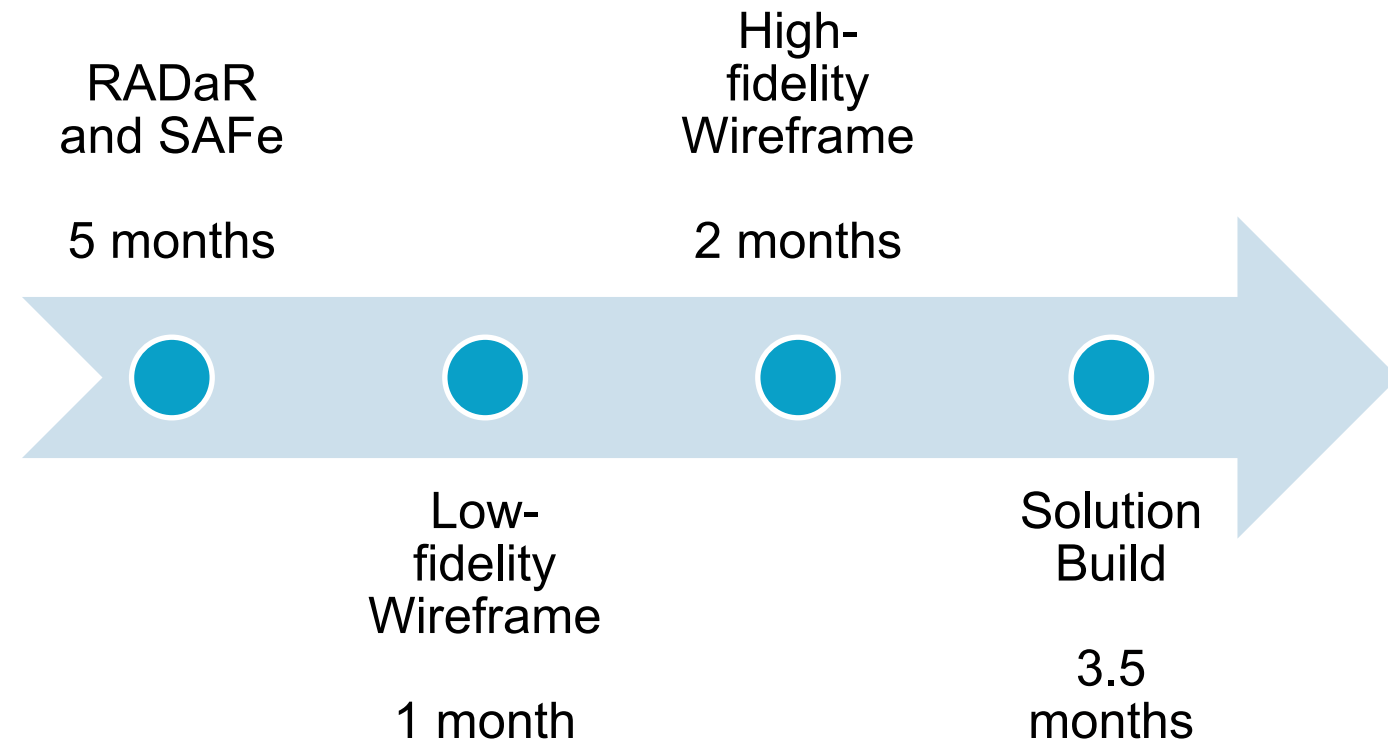


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Our processes helped us achieve:

1. Low-stakes, high-fidelity clickable wireframe prototype to showcase design and intended purpose
2. An MVP of the platform powered by an interactive content management system

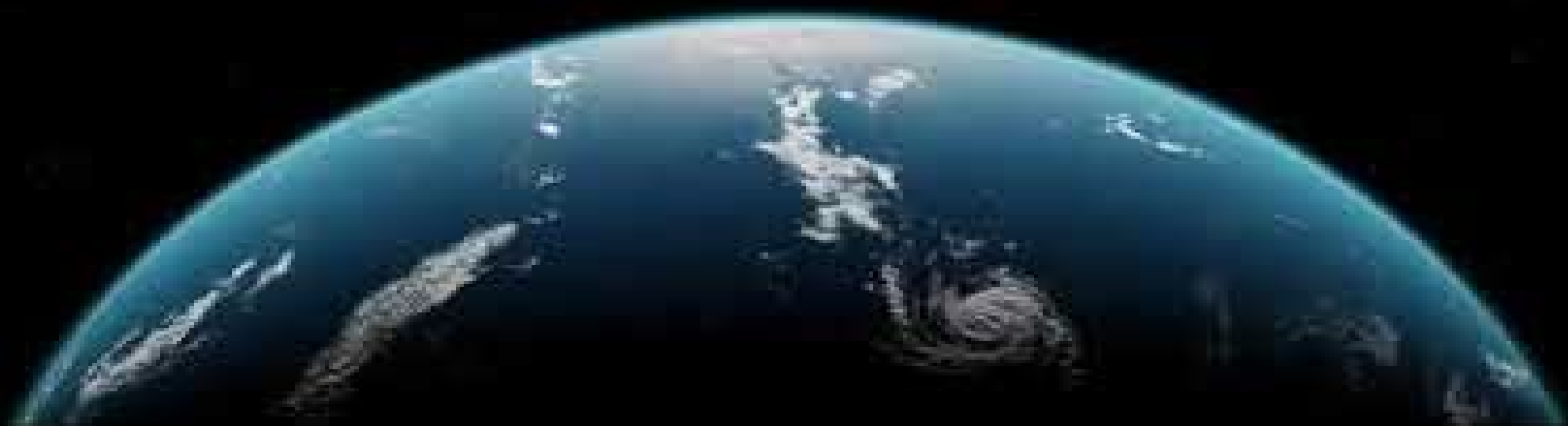
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**Thanks for listening!**



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