Schulich Heart Program

2022–25 Strategic Plan



Schulich Heart Program Overview











Dedicated team of over 350 team members

We perform over 7,670 procedures and 1,000 surgeries per year. We are the largest minimally invasive structural heart program in Ontario

Over 4,900 hospital discharges and over 11,000 ambulatory visits in 2019-20

4 formal acute care & 2 formal ambulatory partnerships and growing

Annually, Schulich investigators and scientists disclosed and filed 32 patents¹, received over \$6.9M in grants and completed over 240 publications².



¹ Includes disclosures and patent applications filed in 2020-21.

² Total grant funding received in 2019-20.

Our Strategic Planning Roadmap





Our Stakeholder Engagement



Stakeholders engaged including patient and family partners, physicians, health care professionals, community hospitals and external system partners Internal stakeholders

External Partners



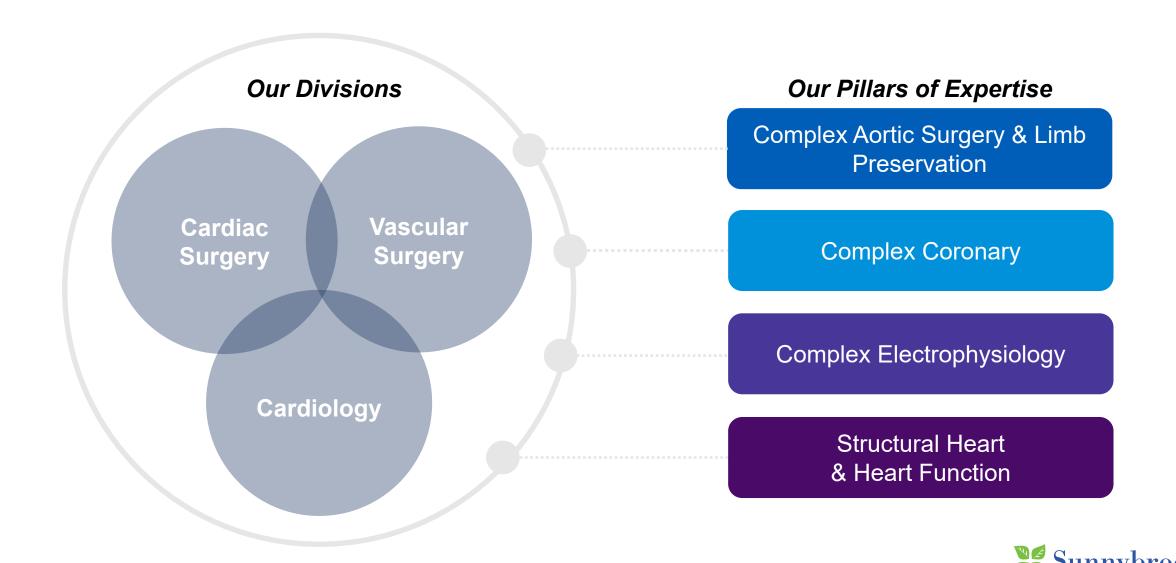


Our Strategic Challenge

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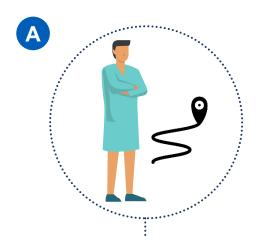


Who We Are

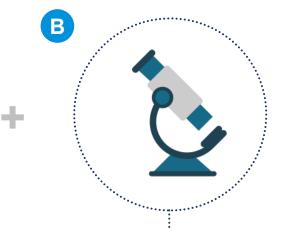




Our Areas of Focus



Champion high quality care throughout the *patient* journey across ambulatory and inpatient settings.



Amplify research and innovation from discovery to patient impact spanning device development, clinical research, and health services and policy.



Build our expertise in education and multi-disciplinary team-based learning.



Build a cohesive culture across divisions and professions that support wellness and inclusivity.

Innovate across clinical practice, education and research by embracing novel partnerships





Alignment with Sunnybrook's Strategic Plan

Sunnybrook 2021-25 Strategic Plan



Personalized & Precise Treatments



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Integrated & Sustainable Models of Care



Improve Quality & Better Patient Experience



High Performing Teams



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- Develop a comprehensive ambulatory care network with our local community to support integrated and seamless cardiac and vascular care pathways
- Enhance acute care partnerships as a mentor site

 Collaborate across multiple programs to drive new models of care for high-risk patient populations

- Lead in the implementation of nimble health human resources and flex bed models to optimize inpatient and procedural capacity to address COVID-19 recovery efforts
- Embed internationally recognized 'quality collaboratives' and measurement frameworks to improve patient care

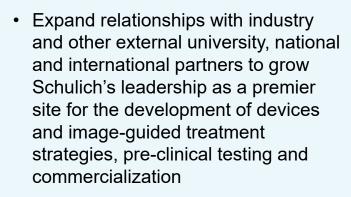






Amplify research and innovation from discovery to patient impact spanning device development, clinical research, and health services and policy







- Strengthen the infrastructure of investigator-initiated clinical research and become the premier Canadian site for industry-sponsored trials across:
 - Imaging
 - Complex Aortic & Limb Preservation
 - Complex Coronary
 - Complex Electrophysiology
 - Structural Heart & Heart Function



- Accelerate the adoption of novel devices and care models in Ontario through applied health services research, implementation science, and policy interventions
- Identify gaps and improve quality of care in the health care system via data diagnostics and analytics



Build our expertise in education and multi-disciplinary team-based learning



- Establish a cross-disciplinary Education Council to lead Schulich-wide education initiatives
- Develop our expertise in team-based learning via multi-disciplinary simulations to improve clinical outcomes for our patients















Build a cohesive culture across divisions and professions that supports wellness and inclusivity



Embed Equity,
Diversity and
Inclusion training
for leadership staff

Be an early adopter and ensure deliberate alignment with other Sunnybrookwide EDI initiatives 2 Wellness

Assemble a multidisciplinary wellness committee to promote opportunities that support wellbeing, including issues related to sustainability



Key Enablers



Governance

Establish a robust governance structure to enable shared accountability of strategic plan goals and empower a high performing cardiac and vascular team.

(e.g., Program Council, Research Council, Quality Council, Education Council)



Health Human Resources

Develop critical skills and competencies that support the long-term needs of the Program and Sunnybrook during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

(e.g., Schulich Resource Team)



Digital Enablement & Connectivity

Leverage digital and virtual tools and technologies to seamlessly integrate patient care across the care continuum.

(e.g., Accuro integration, Medly)



Capital Infrastructure & Philanthropy

Advocate and seek out opportunities for investment with government and with industry to support the advancement of Schulich's Strategic Plan in clinical care, research and education.

(e.g., Cath Lab & EP suite renewal, hybrid OR





Area of Focus A

Champion high quality care throughout the patient journey across ambulatory and inpatient settings

Action Area	Initiative	Deliverable	Lood(o)		Timeline		
Action Area	muative	Deliverable		Lead(s)		Year 2	Year 3
External Partnerships	Develop a comprehensive ambulatory care network with our local community to support integrated and seamless cardiac and vascular care pathways	i. Vascular Limb Preservation	Sam R. /	Joe P. / Ahmed K.			
		ii. General Cardiology: KMH Cardiology, Lawrence Park Cardiology	Sam R. / Susan M.	Sam R.			
		iii. Spoke-hub-node model for integrated Heart Function care		Stephanie P.			
	•	i. East Toronto OHT Vascular Care		Andrew D.			
	Enhance acute care partnerships as a	ii. SHN Satellite Valve Clinic	Sam R. /				
	mentor site	iii. NYGH Pacemaker Initiative	Susan M.				
		iv. Mackenzie Health Partnership					
		i. Extracorporeal Life Support Shock Team	Gideon C. / Mark V. (TBC)				
	Collaborate across multiple programs to drive new models of care for high-risk patient populations	ii. CRT and Impella in CICU	Jeff P. / Michelle P.				
		iii. Partnership with Brain sciences: PFO-stroke program; LAA program	Andrew C. / Sheldon S				
Internal		iv. Center for the management of complex aortic disease (CeMCAD)	Andrew D. / Gideon C.				
Partnerships		v. Cardiac Surgery Pathway	Gideon C. / Garshia F. / Aaron W.				
i artiferships		vi. Renal Denervation	Mina M. / Mahsa S.				
		vii. Combined HF-TMVR-Device Clinic	Andrew C. / Stephanie P. / Suzette T.				
		viii. EP Device Suite Build & Launch	Sheldon S. / Mahsa S.				
		ix. Cardiac-OB Collaboration	Harindra W.*				
		x. Hybrid / MICAB revascularization	Brian C. / Fuad M.				
Quality of Care	Lead in the implementation of nimble health human resources and flex bed models to	i. Develop and implement a Schulich Resource Team	Susan M. Harindra W. Stephanie P. Mahsa S.				
	optimize inpatient and procedural capacity to address COVID-19 recovery efforts	ii. Flex beds in bay, CICU					
	Embed internationally recognized 'quality collaboratives' and measurement frameworks to improve patient care	i. NCDR, STS, NSQIP; KCCQ-12 PROM					

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Amplify research and innovation from discovery to patient impact spanning device development, clinical research, and health services and policy

Action Area	Initiative	Deliverable	Lead(s)		Timeline		
Action Area	initiative	Deliverable			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Device Development & Pre-Clinical Hub	Expand relationships with industry and other external university, national and international partners to grow Schulich's leadership as a premier site for the development of devices and imageguided treatment strategies, pre-clinical testing and commercialization.	i. Directorship model for pre-clinical lab					
		ii. Recruitment of clinician scientist/investigator to lead pre-clinical lab		Brian C. Graham W.			
		iii. Establish 5 industry partners for pre-clinical lab		Granam w.			
Schulich as an Incubator Hub	Strengthen the infrastructure of investigator-initiated clinical research and become the premier Canadian site for industry-sponsored trials across: Imaging Complex Aortic & Limb Preservation Complex Coronary Complex Electrophysiology Structural Heart & Heart Function	i. Streamline contract execution					
		ii. Establish standard obligations for Pis; budget template;development and surveillance of trial metrics					
		iii. Inclusion of clinical trial from all domains within Schulich Heart Program					
		iv. Develop and enact strategies with ambulatory community partners to assist with enrollment		01110			
		v. Develop and enact strategies between Schulich pre-clinical scientists and Schulich clinical trialists to ensure technology		Sheldon S.	Sheldon S.		
		developed and evaluated locally will subsequently be lead by					
		Schulich clinical trialists and conducted at Sunnybrook vi. Partner Medventions teams with our clinical teams, researchers					
		and patients across all stages inclusive of design, testing, trials and dissemination in each priority clinical area					
Health Services & Policy Hub	Accelerate the adoption of novel devices and care models in Ontario through applied health services research, implementation science, and policy interventions	i. Establish a practice and policy hub (project manager + analysts)	Dennis K.				
		ii. Increase participation in external advisory groups					
		iii. Establish searchable data repository for hypothesis generation		Brad			
	Identify gaps and improve quality of care in the health care system via data diagnostics and analytics	iv. Increase research/publications that are included in practice guidelines, or inform new policy, or funding					
		v. Increase capacity via recruitment of clinician investigators and					
	anarytioo	scientist with health services expertise.					

Area of Focus C



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Action Area	Initiativa	Deliverable	Lead(s)	Timeline		
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Education Council	Establish a cross-disciplinary Education Council to lead Schulich-wide education initiatives	i. Populate Education Council and establish work plan	Stephanie F Fuad M.			
	Develop our expertise in team-based learning via multi-disciplinary simulations to improve clinical outcomes for our patients	i. Minimum of 2 team-based simulations per year	Stephanie F Fuad M.			



Area of Focus D

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Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	Embed Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training for leadership staff	i. Partner with PART on the development of metrics and targets	Susan M. Harindra W.			
	Be an early adopter and ensure deliberate alignment with other Sunnybrook- wide EDI initiatives	 i. Increase diversity across our committees, including the Schulich PFAC ii. Grow participation in SPARK and DICE programs iii. Embed demographic data collection via Accuro to understand ethnic gradients in access to subspeciality care 	Susan M. Harindra W.			
Wellness	Assemble a multi-disciplinary wellness committee to promote opportunities that support wellbeing, including issues related to sustainability	i. Establish committee, leadership and work plan	Eric C. / TBC			



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