With the amalgamation of 12 Saskatchewan health regions into one Health Authority in December of 2017, a great opportunity was created to establish a coordinate approach to the delivery of surgical service to the entire population of the province.

We have established a provincial surgical council chaired by the Provincial Head of Surgery with the participation of seven Area Leads representing all of the geographical regions of Saskatchewan. This coordinated provincial approach will open the door for the standardization of surgical services across the province. For the first time, we will have the opportunity to establish province-wide quality improvement programs, manpower needs and projections, standardization of equipment and services and to effectively advocate for the needs of the different regions.

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