



# Allied Health Collaboration

Northwest Territories, Canada

# Presentation Overview

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# NWT Overview



- 1.3 million km<sup>2</sup>
  - Size of France, Spain and UK combined.
- 33 communities
  - 2 Hospitals, 20 Health Centres, 8 Health Cabins
- 11 Official Languages

# Laboratory Services Collaboration

- Consolidation of 8 separate health authorities in 2016 allowed for standardization of laboratory equipment and service and reagent contract consolidation
- Biomedical Services assist by applying a learned eye to contracts (many health managers are not service contract experts and get bogged down in the boiler plate)

# Laboratory Services Collaboration

- With regionalization, the capital equipment is now being better tracked through a web application that assists in identifying planned replacements (evergreening) and budget planning
- Biomedical engineering has maintained a close and collaborative relationship with the territorial procurement team and is now included as a team member when capital equipment is procured

# DI Collaboration

- **Standardization of DI equipment**
  - Achieved by: Three (3) separate RFPs for the different level of needs in the NWT
- **Biomed maintains the inventory of all DI equipment in hospitals and health centres**
- **Consolidation of equipment service contracts**
- **Gradual building of relationship with vendors**
  - Allowing for local “first call” assistance

# DI Collaboration

- Consolidation of Medical Physicist contract
  - Maximization of travel cost and maintain Accreditation status
- Testing of the lead aprons in communities done in collaboration with DI Biomed lead and STH DI Technical Supervisor
  - Maintain safety and allows for centralized ordering of replacements for health centres

# Future Vision and Ideas

- Cancellation and Taking Service In-House
- First Call contracts with additional In-House resources.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Multi-Vendor Contracts
- Partnership with Other Jurisdictions
  - E.G., Alberta Government has 13 In-House Biomed Techs for DI service (most are ex-OEM).
  - Offer to pay for 1 additional staff and have them service NWT.



# Questions

