



# Cross Border Collaboration: Barriers to Moving Patients

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# Session Objectives

- **Facilitated discussion**
- **List barriers to patient movement excluding transportation**
- **Identify appropriate partner agencies in Canada and the United States to include in future discussion**

# PNWBHA Task

- **Respond to surge capacity demands on health systems and health resources**
- **Efficiently and in cost effective manner**
- **When health emergency arise in any PNWBHA**

## What if...?

- **Catastrophic event in Washington along I-5 corridor from Olympia to Bellingham**
- **No impact on British Columbia**
- **Large numbers of children ages 5-12 injured in Everett**
- **No ability to transfer to Seattle or Tacoma: infrastructure compromised; those cities already overwhelmed**
- **How to arrange to send them north to British Columbia**  
**Consideration to transport them north to British Columbia**

## What if...?

- **Several nursing homes collapse**
- **Community Alternate Care Facilities established with 300 patients-reached capacity**
- **Are there barriers to sending them north?**

## Considerations

- **Insurance or financial?**
- **Legal? Regulations?**
- **Other issues?**