

Bree Collaborative

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	Problem Statement	Product/Scope	Chair	Key Partners
Low Back Pain	Continued variation in low back pain treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update Bree Low Back Pain guideline• Assess barriers to implementation• Recommend strategies to effectively overcome barriers	Bob Mecklenburg, MD Alliance staff?	Washington Health Alliance
Hepatitis C	Variation in screening + access to treatment Economic and social costs Associated with many comorbidities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review most recent USPSTF and CDC recommendation for Hepatitis C screening• Develop evidenced based guideline for screening in Washington with assessment of risks, benefits, and implementation strategies.	DOH?	WA Department of Health WA Health Care Authority
Infection Control	Outpatient clinics have varying approaches with varying regulation Measures appear to have reduced RSV, acute bronchitis, common cold, flu cases in 2020 Complacency will likely lead to spread, unwanted hospitalization, death in vulnerable populations Concern for when indoor masking mandates and less consciousness arrives old habits will prevail and unwarranted illness will come back	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review evidence for outpatient prevention and control for prevalent infectious diseases• Recommend practical and evidence-based methods for implementation of infection control in the outpatient setting	Mark Haugen, MD	WA Department of Health
Pediatric Asthma	5,000 hospitalizations 100 deaths annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review most recent guidelines for screening, diagnosis, and treatment for pediatric asthma• Recommend evidence-based guidelines that identify the population at risk, appropriate diagnostic testing, and treatment protocols that should be implemented.		Seattle King County Public Health