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### Expanding the Use of Health Impact Assessment in British Columbia November 20, 2013 from 12:30 - 12:50 (PST)

Health Impact assessment (HIA) is a combination of procedures, methods, and tools used to assess the potential health effects of a policy, program, or project on a population, as well as the distribution of those effects within the population. HIA are typically performed as stand-alone assessments however it may be possible to achieve many of the same benefits by incorporating elements of HIA into existing assessment processes, such as Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This presentation will provide an overview of HIA, examine the degree to which HIA has been institutionalized in Canada and BC and examine options for expanding its use in BC.

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