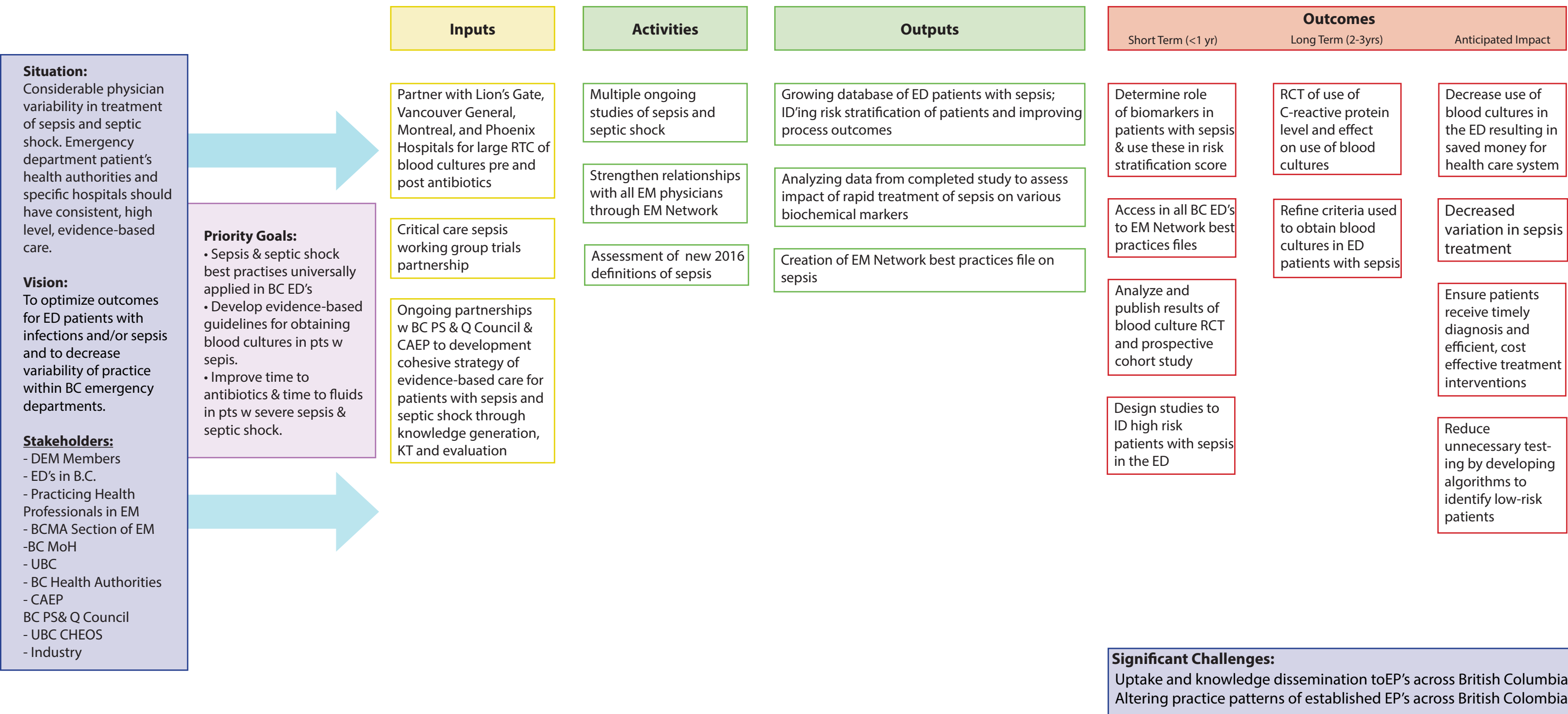


Sepsis in the ED

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Soft Tissue Infections in the ED

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Situation:

Considerable physician variability in treatment of skin and soft tissue infections. Emergency department patient's health authorities and specific hospitals should have consistent, high level, evidence-based care for these disease states.

Vision:

To optimize outcomes for ED patients with infections and to decrease variability of practice within BC emergency departments.

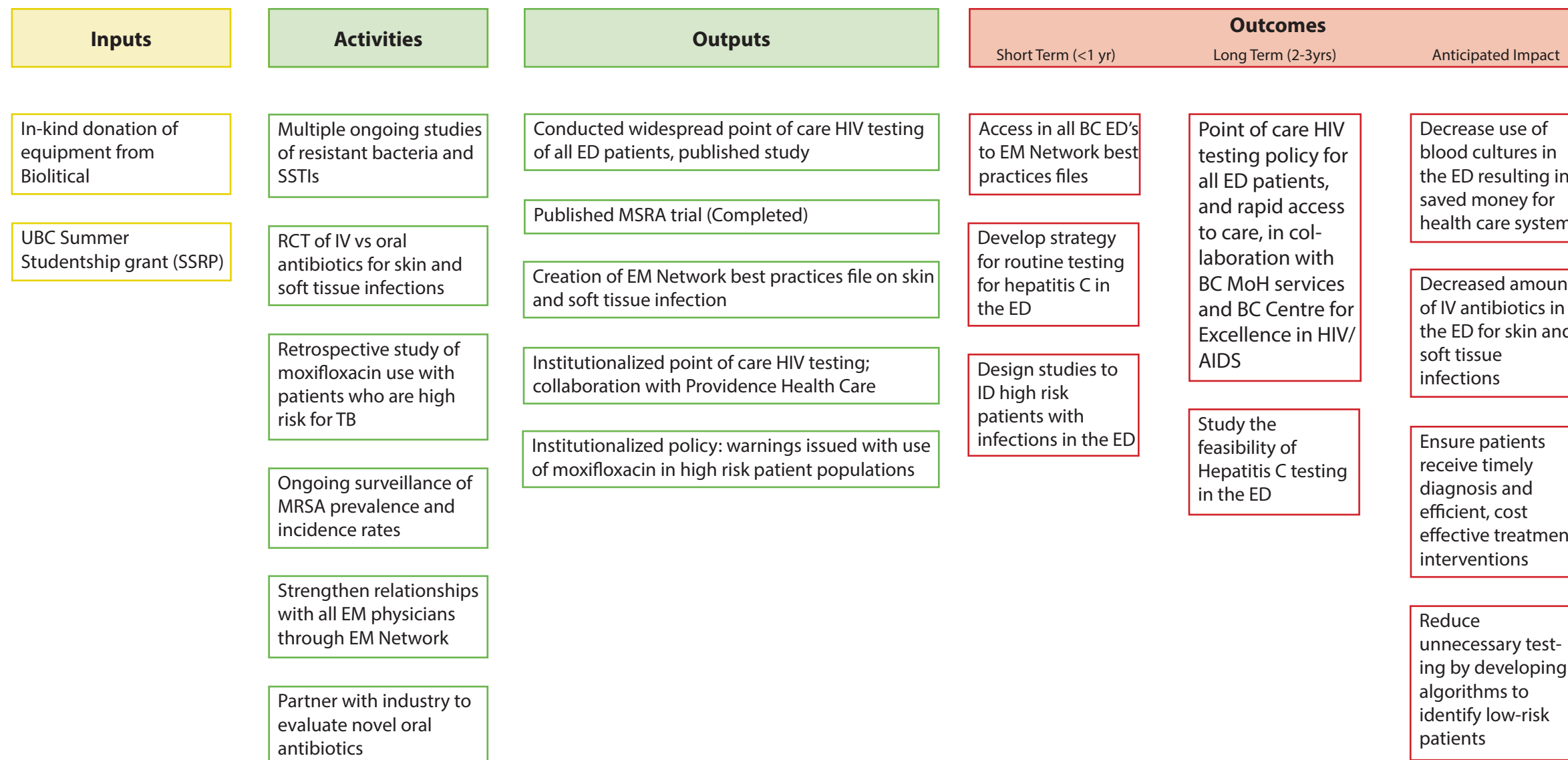
Stakeholders:

- DEM Members
- ED's in B.C.
- Practicing Health Professionals in EM
- BCMA Section of EM
- BC MoH
- UBC
- BC Health Authorities
- CAEP
- BC CDC
- BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS
- BC PS& Q Council
- UBC CHEOS
- Industry



Priority Goals:

- Develop evidence-based guidelines for obtaining blood cultures in pts w sepsis.
- Skin & soft tissue infections managed according to evidence-based, pragmatic principles of antibiotic use.
- Widespread HIV screening; Hep C routine testing



Significant Challenges:
 Uptake and knowledge dissemination to EP's across British Columbia.
 Altering practice patterns of established EP's across British Columbia.