

What is the Pan-Canadian Alliance (PCA)?

The Pan-Canadian Alliance is a group of provincial and territorial speech-language pathology and audiology associations* and the national association (Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC/OAC)).

What does the PCA do?

- It is an information and networking group sharing news, ideas and resources regarding professional issues related to speech, language and hearing issues.
- It is a group that takes on strategic plans that support the work of speech-language and audiology professionals across Canada via their provincial and territorial associations. It is an Alliance that collaborates on issues that impact our professional bodies and the clients whom our professions serve.
- It is a networking group that identifies priority areas for advocacy and action, while respecting the complementary roles of the member associations, at the provincial, territorial and national levels.
- Meetings are held throughout the year to coordinate member association efforts, including but not limited to advocacy, public awareness and education, individual member benefits and social media.
- It serves to represent members across Canada via their provincial and territorial associations.

The PCA does not have a regulatory mandate.

How many members are there?

There are 11 member associations. Representatives from each member association (both staff and board representatives) attend the meetings. There is a designated voting member from each association.

What are the current strategic goals for PCA?

- *Advocacy* – (a) use of social media, (b) Speech and Hearing Month initiatives, i.e., letter writing campaign to Ministers of Parliament, (c) partnerships with other organizations, i.e., Communication Disabilities Access Canada (d) International Communication Project
- *Pan-Canadian information sharing* – to identify future priorities for advocacy and action
- *Clinical information sharing* – service delivery and workforce planning

*some members are solely associations for the professions; whereas others have both a regulatory and member services focus.