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Deborah Cohen has more than 20 years' experience in health care and health workforce data systems through the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI). She is an Adjunct Professor with the School of Epidemiology and Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Ottawa. She holds a PhD in Population Health with a research focus on modelling, equity and health system performance.

Longer Bio

Deborah Cohen is the Chief Operating Officer of Health Workforce Canada, a newly formed organization mandated to work with health system stakeholders to plan, build and support a strong health workforce for the future – one that will enhance quality of care and health outcomes for all.

Most recently she was Director of Health Human Resources Information Systems at the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI), where she focused on building the pan-Canadian health workforce data foundation, as well as health workforce analytics and forecasting models to meet critical health care planning needs across the country.

Throughout her 20-year career, she has worked in a variety of health data sectors including health human resources, pharmaceuticals, mental health, population health, Indigenous health, and equity.

Deborah holds a PhD in epidemiology and is an Adjunct Professor with the University of Ottawa, School of Epidemiology and Public Health.