**Appendix 1. Sequenced approach to case narrative development for each province**

**STAGE 1: Construct literature-based narratives** **identifying reform objectives and strategies in each province, establish a timeline of reforms and identify key actors and intermediate outcomes**

Keywords: "province name" + "health reform", "province name" + "health care reform", "province name" + "health care act’’.

Dates: 1995 –> 2019

Languages: French and English

Conducted: initial 2016; updated 2017 –> 2019

**Grey literature**

Google search (at least the first 10 pages or until saturation)

Websites of Ministries, Agencies, Associations + Legislatures

Inclusion criteria: reform objectives, debates around reforms, implementation strategies, intermediate outcomes.

Retained: > 500 documents for the 7 provinces:

- Reports from Ministries of Health (52)

- Auditor general reports (23)

- Agencies (126)

- Provider and patient associations (35)

- Popular press articles (257)

**Peer review literature**

Databases: Google scholar, ProQuest, Érudit, EBSCO

Inclusion criteria: papers that explored the introduction, implementation and impact of reforms at provincial level.

Retained: 300 items

**STAGE 2. Validation of extended case narratives by key informants with policy experience in each province**

**STAGE 3. Collection of interview data**

Dates: 2016 to early 2019

Selection criteria: involvement in design/implementation of reforms

Participants: 54 total

- Agency informants: 19

- Ministry of Health informants: 7

- Health regions/large centre informants: 19

- Provider association informants: 9

**STAGE 4. Extension and adjustment of case narratives integrating interview data**

**The case narratives become the database for analysis in the present paper**