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East Kootenay Division Update

Thank you for completing the physician survey. We truly value the information you have provided. Your responses will help inform our work over the next year.

The East Kootenay PCN proposal was approved by the Ministry of Health last week. The plan requested \$8.9 million in new primary care funding, and we will receive \$8.5 million over the next three years. This was an exciting outcome for the planning team, and will ultimately benefit all of our communities. We will now need to re-visit the plan to make some adjustments in areas where we did not receive the requested funding.

We will connect with physicians in each community again to share what was approved for your community, and to determine if further changes to the plan are needed. We will also be reaching out to clinics who had previously expressed interest in the Minor Tenant Improvement funding available from GPSC to support clinics to pay for renovation costs to accommodate new clinical staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Purcell at mpurcell@divisionsbc.ca.



As a family doctor, who stands up and speaks out for you?
Who can you rely on when you need information and advocacy for your needs?

For 30 years, the **Society of General Practitioners of BC (SGP)** has advocated for our profession on a provincial scale. Family physicians ourselves, we are the economic and political voice of family doctors in BC. We represent you at tables where the voices of family doctors need to be heard.

We can't do this without you. Join SGP to join our fight to save family medicine in BC.

What benefits can you expect from joining?

- Access to **the Simplified Guide to Fees** and **Uninsured Services Billing Package** simplify family medicine billing, so that you can optimize your income as a family doctor.
- Access to our free **Locum Listing** Service which is the #1 Google search result for family practice locums in BC.
- Access to our Billing Team who answer billing questions as only an experienced and strategically placed family doctor can do.

For more information on how to join, please check out the [SGP website](#).

Angel Flight

After angels came to his rescue, Rick Jarrett became one too. When the Invermere resident needed to go to Kelowna for cancer testing, he was relieved to hear that he and his partner could catch a flight – **for free** – to get there. Click [here](#) to read more of this story from The Columbia Valley Pioneer.



Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC)

The **Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues (JSC)** in association with RCCbc and its partners, FNHA and Providence Health are working to create a new IT platform using **Realtime Virtual Supports** to connect rural BC providers seeking help in a timely and simple fashion to their peers and specialist colleagues.

If rural providers are currently looking for insights and/or supports for worrisome cases, we encourage them to contact the Intensivists Group at 1-888-908-0626.

The full update is available online [here](#).

Call or email Dr. John Pawlovich at the RCCbc office at **1-888-918-0626** or info@rccbc.ca with any questions.

Education and Conference Details

**Thank you for registering for the
East Kootenay Pediatric Conference.
Registration is now closed.
We look forward to seeing you there.**



EAST KOOTENAY PEDIATRIC CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY EAST KOOTENAY DIVISION OF FAMILY PRACTICE & GRANBROOK RCME

Kimberley Conference & Athlete Training Centre

Friday, January 24th - 5:30 - 9:00 PM (MDT)

Saturday, January 25th - 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MDT)

Presentations by East Kootenay Pediatricians
and

Keynote by Dr. Jody Carrington, R Psych.

Relationship Based Assessment & Treatment for
Children & Families



Attached you will find a poster summarizing the dates and locations of the **upcoming 1-day Introduction to Quality Improvement workshops** being offered by IH Physician Quality Improvement and a **one page overview of the PQI initiative**.

Please also note that we are accepting applications for Cohort 3 (deadline to apply has been extended to January 31, 2020). Cohort sessions are planned for April 22 - 24, June 3 - 5 and October 28 - 30 (Graduation March 2021). Course work is accredited and sessionals support/travel expense reimbursement is available



Doctors Technology Office is pleased to invite physicians to our upcoming session presented by **Information Privacy & Security Standing Committee on Digital Communications in Health Care** to provide feedback on the new harmonized policy for communication with patients and other members of the care team via email, text and other virtual modalities. Physicians **do not need** a technology background, just a willingness to discuss impacts to their practice. The presentation will include demonstrations and group discussion.

Topic: **Digital Communications in Health Care**
Time: 7 a.m. – 8 a.m., Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Presenters: Tony Yip, Corporate Director, Privacy, Policy & Risk Management, IHA Aaron MacDonald, Director of Health

Facilitator:
Office

RSVP: Please **respond by email** no later than Friday, January 24, 2020

Divisions Dispatch

Friday, 10, 2020

PMH-PCN Update

New documents on the PCN Toolkit

New GPSC payment to support longitudinal care

Reminder to submit GPSC Portal Codes (G14070, G14071)

Upcoming webinar about team-based care billing

GPSC billing education webinar series: Winter 2020

Update: GPSC increases maternity and in-hospital fees

Readers' Choice: GPSC 2019 highlights top ten stories from last year

South Okanagan Similkameen Division opens team-based care clinic as part of primary care network

New DocTalks Video: Reducing Risks of Medications for Seniors

GPSC November Meeting Summary

Update from the GPSC Provincial Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee

Enrolling children in MSP when parents or guardians are not eligible

Invitation to complete a survey about routine growth monitoring practices

Participants needed for two BC Guidelines External Reviews

CMA Ambassadors Program

Divisions in the News

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