

SHARED CARE

Community | Collaboration | Respect | Relationships | Creativity

What is Shared Care?

The Shared Care Committee is a joint collaborative committee of Doctors of BC and the BC Ministry of Health working to improve patients' health outcomes and their journey through the health care system. Shared Care is Family Physicians and Specialist Physicians in the Comox Valley - working together to improve health outcomes and the patient journey through the health care system. This is done by:

- Understanding the working relationship between family physicians and specialists, while implementing pragmatic solutions to improve and support it
- Developing collaborative approaches that address barriers to care
- Embracing new technologies, service models, and payment methods
- Fostering patient self-management
- Reducing unnecessary burdens on patients and their families

Our local Shared Care Steering Committee works together to facilitate and oversee the development and progression of Shared Care projects and currently oversees the Shared Care Perinatal Advisory Team.

Coming Up this Spring

Perinatal Care Provider World Cafe

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Collaborative Approach to Perinatal Care in the Comox Valley

In collaboration with Perinatal Services BC and in partnership with Island Health, the aim of this project is to develop a collaborative approach to perinatal care in the Comox Valley in order to ensure that Comox Valley maternity patients have access to appropriate levels of prenatal and post natal care. The project aims to address collaborative practice between specialists, family physicians, midwives and other perinatal care service and care providers.

MOAs and office managers from Physician and Midwifery clinics had the opportunity to hear about the project and learn about how they could play an instrumental role in getting patients involved. A few physicians attended the meeting as well.

Watch your inbox or look for posters and surveys at your clinic to provide your input on Perinatal Care in the Comox Valley though the Maternity Care Provider Survey. We want to hear from all physicians and care providers that play any role in the care of women when they are pregnant, planning to become pregnant or are up to one year post partum. Even if you refer on within the first trimester, please take some time to complete the survey. Your input, along with the results of the Patient Survey will be presented and discussed at the Perinatal Care World Cafe Event this Spring. Thank you to those who have completed the survey.



The broad definition of women's health "recognizes the validity of women's life experiences and women's own beliefs about and experiences of health. Every woman should be provided with the opportunity to achieve, sustain and maintain health, as defined by the woman herself, to her full potential" Phillips 1995, p.507