



B.C. Program "A GP for Me" Based on Pilot in Cowichan

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If you live in the Cowichan Valley and are still looking for a family doctor, the search may become easier.

The provincial government has announced a new program called "A GP for Me", meant to connect everyone in B.C. with a family doctor by 2015.

The ambitious project is based on findings from three pilots including one in the Cowichan Valley that started three years ago.

One of the most successful initiatives has been establishing a maternity clinic at the Cowichan District Hospital, the chair of the Cowichan Valley Division of Family Practice, Dr. Tom Rimmer, explained.

He said that project has connected mothers and their new babies with GPs and since the pilot started in 2010, they've matched a total of about 1,300 patients with family doctors.

"A GP for Me" officially launches April 1 at a cost of \$132 million.

An estimated 3,000 people in Cowichan do not have a regular doctor.