



KB Division Dispatch

KB Division - A Year in Review

What a year! We're so grateful for the collaboration and support of our healthcare partners, members and communities. Check out the 4 minute ['We Did That!' video](#) to learn more about our impact in 2020. Explore project highlights from across the region in [this year's annual report...](#)

Primary Care Network Update

- 25 PCN staff members hired so far, for 12 clinics
- Estimated 2568 patients attached (of est. 15,000 unattached KB patients)
- Please use billing code 97610 when attaching new patients, this enables us to track attachment data for our region. Questions? Contact Julius at juliushw@divisionbc.ca
- 17 PCN Learning Lab sessions delivered
- Work has started to roll-out the provincial Health Connect Registry (managed through 811), a provincial registry for unattached patients; more information to come.
- Work is underway to create a KB Virtual Unattached Patient Clinic; stay tuned for more details
- PCN to integrate with Castlegar Urgent Primary Care Clinic and the Specialized Community Services Programs (Mental Health & Substance Use & Complex Medically Frail)

Community Health Centre Initiative - A Vision for KB

Working in collaboration with practitioners and communities, KB Division is exploring the potential of introducing the Community Health Centre model into our communities. [Webinars](#) were hosted in July 2020 with multiple guest speakers to learn more about this transition.

CLINICAL SUPPORTS

***Updated* ACEs Toolkit for Family Practitioners**

Traumatic childhood events such as abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction, are risk factors for many of the leading causes of disease, death and social problems as adults and known as adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). This updated toolkit is designed to help practitioners address ACEs in primary care. [Get your copy here ...](#)

CYMHSU Community of Practice is also offering a [webinar](#) on Dec. 17th, 17:30 – 18:30: Implementing ACEs & Social Determinants of Health into Your Practice to Improve Care, click [HERE](#) to register!

KB Palliative Care Resources

Palliative Care Resources for patients and practitioners are available to share and download at: <http://bit.ly/KBpallcare>

First Nations Virtual Substance Use and Psychiatry Service

A [virtual health service](#) providing access to culturally safe addictions medicine and psychiatry care for Indigenous people in BC and their families has been launched in urgent response to the dual public health emergencies of the COVID-19 pandemic and BC's overdose crisis. Providers can refer patients by calling 1-833-456-7655.

COVID-19 Rapid Evidence and Knowledge Translation (RE/AKT) Service

RE/AKT is a new service for rural providers dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Delivered through UBC, the service responds to specific questions posed by providers, which may involve evidence review. Responses are rapid and sent directly to the provider. [Find out more...](#)

OFFICE EFFICIENCY

Pathways Medical Care Directory

Approximately two-thirds of family doctors in BC have already signed up to list their profiles on the [Pathways Medical Care Directory](#), a one-stop source of physician office information. If you can't find your practice on the directory, you can add it by filling out the [Pathways Medical Care Directory form](#).

Fee Codes & Billing

- **Billing for Team-Based Care Webinar | Dec. 8th 6:00-7:30pm:** For Family physicians and team members (MOAs, billing clerks, office managers, etc.) who practice in a fee-for-service (FFS) clinic, or will be in the next 3 months. [Register here](#).
- **10041 fee code for respiratory immunization:** Now active for patients 19 years or older. Doctors who billed adult influenza or pneumococcal immunizations using the 00010 fee code since October 1, 2020 can debit the 00010 billing and resubmit as 10041 if they wish.
- **New billing rules for 14070/14071 start January 1:** Changes include a new definition for community longitudinal family physician (CLFP). Doctors who work in a focused practice in long-term care can bill the new Long-Term Care Portal 14072 once it opens in March 2021. For detailed information [click here](#).

Reminder: \$1,000 Office Grant, Deadline Dec 31, 2020

Visit [COVID-19 Office Safety Plan Support Grant for BC's Community Physicians](#) for eligibility and application information.

COVID Antibody Testing | Patient Requests

Background: Some patients are asking doctors to sign requisitions for COVID antibody tests offered by LifeLabs, under the impression that the test is needed for travel or work purposes.

Messaging for patients:

- A COVID antibody test is not required for purposes of travel or work.
- MSP does not cover a visit with your doctor if you are requesting a COVID antibody test.
- If patients want to see the doctor to request this test, you will be charged for the visit.
- Patients will also be billed by LifeLabs for the test.

For more information about the COVID antibody test, visit [LifeLabs](#).

PATIENT RESOURCES

New Online Lab Booking System for Patients

New online lab system now live in most communities: www.labonlinebooking.ca. The call centre is available at **1-877-740-7747**, Monday to Friday, 8am-7pm. Interior Heath has developed a poster for clinics, available for [download here...](#)

Virtual Counselling Options for BC Youth and Caregivers

Foundry BC offers virtual drop-in counseling sessions, peer support check-ins and group offerings to young people ages 12-24 and their caregivers! Services are free, confidential and patients can self-refer by calling 1-833-308-6379 or by email to online@foundrybc.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS & CPD

37th Annual Kootenay Conference - Fri, Feb 19th

Like you've never seen it before! Mark your calendars - registration will open in December.

Sustainable Pediatric Rural Care (SPRuCe) - Education Series - Begins Dec 2nd

SPRuCE connects community pediatric providers (pediatricians, family physicians, residents, and nurse practitioners) and supports excellence in pediatric care in rural and remote BC. Their new virtual CME accredited education series' kicks off on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:30pm – 9:00pm, [register here](#).

Virtual Chronic Pain Education

BC ECHO for Chronic Pain is a free virtual learning community composed of specialists and community health care providers that aims to improve care for complex pain cases. Check out 2021 topics, dates and registration at: www.painbc.ca/ECHO.

KB CPD | Dine & Learn Series and Regional Rounds

Save the date for the first Dine & Learn in our 2021 series - Jan 21st (presenter TBA). ~ Join us the third Thursday evening of each month for a virtual talk and Q&A with a great line-up of speakers.

Regional Rounds are now MOC accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada! Join us virtually on Thursdays 12:30-1:30 pm. Check out upcoming topics [here](#).

[Click here for the KB CPD calendar ...](#)

Practice-Based Small Group Learning

GP practice-based small groups and journal clubs can now be accredited through the Resiliency Education and Learning (REAL) Group. Groups provide a unique learning experience to target timely and relevant topics with like-minded family physicians. To start your own group or for more information, [click here...](#)

PROVINCIAL INITIATIVES

Maternity Care Report

A summary report on the Shared Care's Maternity Spread Network from 2017-2020 – "Fostering Collaboration for Collective Impact" – highlights the accomplishments of communities, providers, and stakeholders to improve interprofessional collaboration within the complex environment of maternity care. [Read the report here...](#)

Shared Care workshop - the value of relationships for successful collaboration

For more information about the provincial event, including recordings of all presentations, visit the [Shared Care website](#).



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