

NEWS RELEASE
September 30, 2014

Family doctors invite Mission residents to help improve access to local health care

Mission, BC – Mission family doctors are inviting local residents to participate in an anonymous survey that will help shape the future of primary health care in their community.

The survey is part of the Mission Division of Family Practice's participation in the province-wide A GP for Me initiative. Funded by the Government of BC and Doctors of BC, A GP for Me aims to increase capacity of the primary care system and help everyone who wants a family doctor to find one.

The Community Health Care Survey takes just 10 minutes and can be completed online at Surveys.divisionsbc.ca/gp4me-mission.aspx before October 17, 2014. Survey responses are anonymous and all information collected will adhere to provincial and federal standards for privacy, confidentiality and security of data.

The Division wants to hear from all local residents, together with anyone who lives in the Mission area. This includes those who already have a regular family physician, visit a walk-in clinic or access health care in a hospital emergency room. To thank residents for completing the survey they will be entered into a draw to win one of ten gift certificates to local businesses (maximum of one entry per person). The feedback gathered through the survey will help the Division better understand the strengths and gaps in primary care in the community.

The Mission Division is a group of local doctors committed to working with patients, the local health authority and other community partners to help improve the health and well-being of everyone in the community. After analyzing the survey results, the Division will propose new programs and services to better meet the community's primary care needs, and apply for funding to support their launch.

For more information, visit www.divisionsbc.ca/Mission or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/missiondfp.

About A GP for Me

[A GP for Me](#) is a joint initiative of the Government of BC and Doctors of BC – formerly the BC Medical Association – aimed at strengthening the health care system by supporting the relationship between patients and family doctors. Research shows continuous doctor-patient relationships lead to the best health outcomes for patients.

About the Divisions of Family Practice

The [Divisions of Family Practice](#) initiative is funded by a joint committee of the BC Ministry of Health and Doctors of BC. There are 34 Divisions of Family Practice in BC that encompass more than 230 communities.

- 30 -

For more information:

Barbara Bremner
Project Executive, A GP for Me
Mission Division of Family Practice
250-886-4915
bbremner@divisionsbc.ca