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Newsletter. Billing code changes,
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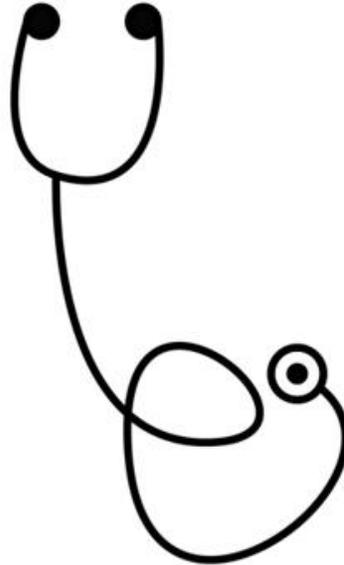
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**Changes to GPSC incentive fees effective
January 1, 2018 (G14070 & G14071; G14015,
G14016, G14017)**

Primary Care



Medical Billing

To be eligible for G14077, GPs must have successfully submitted the GPSC Portal (G14070) or the GPSC Locum Portal (G14071) at the beginning of the new calendar year or be registered in a Maternity Network or GP Unassigned Inpatient Network.



With the goal of better supporting improved access to care and quality of care for patients, the GPSC has introduced changes to some physician incentive fees. The changes were made in response to physician input and to support the goal of expanding and enhancing team-based care.

Upcoming changes of note are as follows:

- GPs will need to submit the **GPSC Portal (G14070) or GPSC Locum Portal fee (G14071)** at the start of the new year and, **effective January 1, 2018**, there will be new information required when submitting claims to avoid billing refusal. See [here](#) for details. NB: Submitting G14070/71 enables GPs to bill a number of fee codes. See the GPSC Portal Billing Guide [here](#) for more details.
- The GPSC **conferencing fees G14015, G14016, G14017** will be discontinued on **January 1, 2018**. These fees are valid until and including **December 31, 2017**. The GP Allied Care Provider Conference Fee G14077 that amalgamates these conference fees and removes the barriers associated with them remains available; eligible GPs can bill G14077 for conferencing with at least one other physician or allied care provider.

For more information on recent and upcoming changes to the GPSC incentives, visit the [GPSC website](#).



UpToDate

What is UpToDate?

Until March 31 2019 Divisions of Family Practice will provide member access to clinical decision support tool UpToDate at no cost to the individual physician.

UpToDate is an online clinical decision support resource, serving as a trusted medical "colleague" that provides unbiased, evidence-based medical information at the point of care.

More than 10,000 peer reviewed topics available in 21 specialties from international and Canadian authors, as well as drug information, medical calculators, and patient information sheets. All UpToDate topic searches are CME eligible for registered users.

How to access UpToDate

To access, go to www.divisionsbc.ca and login, then click on the UpToDate menu item on the top navigation bar.

If you don't remember your login or need a password to login, please contact the Port Alberni Division Project Lead, Susan at sfox@divisionsbc.ca

Already purchased UP To Date? How to get reimbursed

Division members who have already purchased UpToDate can apply to be reimbursed. Email customerservice@uptodate.com or phone 1-800-998-6374



UpToDate App

You can also download the UpToDate app on Apple or Android devices, from your app store.



New sessional rates effective Feb 1, 2018 and April 1, 2018

Effective February 1, 2018, sessional rates will increase by 0.4% per the Economic Stability Mandate. The rates will increase again on April 1, 2018 by 0.5% per the Physician Master Agreement. Details are as follows:

- **GPs on or after February 1, 2018:** \$133.10/hour and \$465.85/session
- **GPs on or after April 1, 2018:** \$133.77/hour and \$468.18/session
- **Specialists on or after February 1, 2018:** \$157.00/hour and \$549.51/session

- **Specialists on or after April 1, 2018:** \$157.79/hour and \$552.26/session

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CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
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Free CME opportunity:

Toolkit to assess and manage violence risk

Violent behavior is a challenging part of health care, particularly in mental health, substance use, medical, and emergency settings. To support physicians, the Specialist Services Committee has funded development of a new toolkit to improve risk assessment and violence management. This evidence-based toolkit is designed for the clinical setting and aims to address a need for a physician-focused resource of this kind.

The online toolkit is free, CME accredited, and available [here](#).



Subscribe to Patients as Partners monthly bulletin

The [Patient as Partners](#) Initiative creates a [monthly activity guide](#) each month, containing learning opportunities available to physicians and health care

providers, as well as events and activities available to patients. To subscribe to the monthly bulletin, contact kristen.grant@gov.bc.ca.

The Next Division Meeting will be April 26, 2018

6pm-830pm

1800-2030 Chances Rim Rock Casino (4890 Cherry Creek Rd). Dinner provided.

Call for Agenda Items. Please send agenda items to Susan Fox and Dr. Wendy Johnsen. We will do our best to accommodate all, but time received and length of meeting is a factor. *The meeting will be organized between time for general membership and time for physicians only.



Submit an agenda item

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