# Partners in Care

# Communications





## HAVE A QUICK QUESTION? RACE TO A SPECIALIST!

Welcome to RACE - the "electronic Doctor's Lounge" where you can connect with a specialist and have a general question answered quickly and reliably.

RACE (Rapid Access to Consultative Expertise) is a structured network, connecting family physicians to available specialists who are ready and able to give you a speedy reply.

	WHAT RACE IS:	WHAT RACE ISN'T:	
•	RACE helps FPs better manage patients in your own office.	<ul> <li>Don't use RACE to book appointments or expedite patient referrals.</li> </ul>	
•	It's a quick, easy and convenient way to connect with a specialist for general guidance and advice about patient assessment, management and treatment.	<ul> <li>Don't use RACE to review results of diagnostic investigations with the referring physician.</li> <li>Don't use RACE to arrange patient transfers, lab or diagnostic investigations, or hospital</li> </ul>	2
•	And it's all done through your Smartphone, tablet, Android, Blackberry, and computer.	beds.	

### **HOW RACE WORKS**

- When you'd like to ask a specialist a quick, general question about a patient, think through the question you want to ask the specialist. Suggestion: a protocol like SBAR can be helpful.
- Open the RACE app. Follow the prompts, and if the specialist is available, you'll get through to him or her by phone immediately.
- Ask your question, listen to the reply, and get back to the patient then and there.
- If the specialist is not immediately available, he or she will get back to you within two hours.
- Afterwards, note the standard required data elements for billing purposes (Code G14018).

Not only will you get some general guidance around your patient, you will also gain a bit more medical knowledge for next time.

### **HOW TO SIGN UP**

It's easy. Visit the SIDFP website to register and download the app. RACE works on Apple, Android and Blackberry devices. <u>www.divisionsbc.ca/south-island/raceregistration</u>

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