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## Divisions of Family Practice

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**A GP for Me** A GP for Me is off and running with great momentum. This past month we have finalized our plan of approach and started getting down to the work of gathering data from various stakeholders. The “Day in the Life of a GP” office visits have begun with 5 offices being visited. These offer a wonderful way of observing the complexities of the day to day challenges faced by FP/GP’s. We are holding several community and acute care focus groups to find out the challenges faced by our health authority partners, with respect to the unattached patient. We are having focus group and in person sessions with specialists, walk in clinics and other physicians to learn more from their perspective. The information gleaned from these sessions can provide valuable insight into the journey of the unattached patient and the burden of responsibility it leaves on care providers. Even though we are only in the data gathering stage on this initiative we are hearing about wonderful ideas and strategies that may provide answers to bridging some of the gaps in the primary care system. We look forward to updating you further on our progress next month. Stay tuned.

To learn more go to [our GP for Me website](#). Find out how you can lend your voice to this initiative. For more information, contact Gerriane Clare – program lead at [gclare@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:gclare@divisionsbc.ca) or 250-371-1621

## IPSI

The Thompson/SOS IPSI Support Model Survey was circulated to the Division membership on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please take the opportunity to complete the survey as it will help inform Divisions, PITO and PSP on how to best provide practice support and EMR optimization to physicians in our area. The EMR COPD template is nearing completion. Initial testing will involve physicians who participated in the Thompson IPSI working group. A second round of testing is slated for mid-March before the template is finalized. If you are a MedAccess user and would be interested in participating in the second testing phase, please contact Ron Gorospe, Project Manager, at (250) 319-2527 or [ron.gorospe@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:ron.gorospe@interiorhealth.ca) and/or Dr. Shirley Sze, President, Thompson Region Division of Family Practice at [wmsze@telus.net](mailto:wmsze@telus.net).

**UpToDate** The Divisions of Family Practice provincial office provides funded physician members with access to UpToDate, an online clinical decision support resource, at no extra cost. UpToDate is used to find answers to clinical questions within about two minutes. Physicians report that it saved them from one to three hours a week researching treatment options. For more information please click [here](#).

**Reminder GPSC Billings is extended to March 31, 2014** for retroactive billing from April 2013 to present. If you are having trouble with your GPSC incentive billings please contact them directly at [gpsc.billing@doctorsofbc.ca](mailto:gpsc.billing@doctorsofbc.ca).

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Submissions for the December newsletter must be provided to [vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca) by **March 14, 2014**

As always, please email the Division at [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca) if you need more information on any particular topic or wish to volunteer for something, anything!

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## Important Updates & Participation Opportunity

Check out these important updates and more on the [Division website](#).

**Kamloops Family Practice Residency Program** is offering two great opportunities in Faculty Development. Interest has been expressed in the Fred Bryans Master Teacher Program to improve teaching and evaluation skills. We have a group of interested participants and can accommodate a few more. For more information please click here and RSVP to [Laurel.Thompson@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:Laurel.Thompson@interiorhealth.ca). The 4 modules will be delivered in April, June, September and November this year. Details to follow. Also, please save the date for April 5<sup>th</sup> for the UBC Faculty Development team for the Family Medicine Residency Orientation session. They will bring topics of interest to Kamloops to support the roll out of our program – see poster.

**This spring *Walk with your Doc*** will be celebrating its fifth anniversary. Since 2010, this simple yet influential initiative has helped physicians around the province foster closer relationships with their patients and impresses upon them the importance of being active. This year's *Walk* takes place during the week of May 3rd – 11th, the same week in which Move for Health Day is recognized. For more information please contact [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca).

### A GP for Me and In Patient Care

A reminder that video presentations are available on the GPSC website to help you learn more about A GP for Me and In-Patient Care fee codes that became available for billing April 1, 2013. [Click to view](#).

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## Upcoming Meetings

**Division Board of Directors** Your Division Directors meets monthly to review progress and develop strategies to address emerging opportunities. If you'd like to attend or present an information item for any of the upcoming meetings please send an email to [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca) and we'll do our best to accommodate.

2014 scheduled meetings are; April 14, 2014.

**Thompson Collaborative Services Committee** The Thompson Collaborative Services Committee (CSC) is an innovative way for our division to work with IHA to co-generate solutions to the complex, serious and interconnected issues facing the health care system, the delivery of care and the experience of care.

If you have information or issues you'd like to bring to the attention of the CSC please contact us at [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca).

Next CSC meeting is: March 13, 2014