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It doesn't feel like winter with these blue skies and sunshine. Your Division team has ensured that our local projects are off and running with great momentum. This latest issue of the Division Focus newsletter will keep you informed and updated on our events, initiatives, and everything that is going on. Read on!

## Building a Strong Foundation: The Formative Meeting of Thompson Shared Care Steering Committee A Success



Have you ever wondered what a Family Physician/Specialist-driven committee would look like locally? What would be possible if physicians led the innovative changes needed in our healthcare system? Over the month of January a group of Family Physicians and Specialists have started to come together to begin these very conversations. With a few key members identified, and the formative meeting a success, the process of establishing a Thompson Shared Care Steering Committee is well underway. The key themes these physicians have been emphasizing in early discussions are the need for collaboration, effective communication, and strategy. It is still in the early stages but expect to hear more

in the coming months from this foundational Shared Care Steering Committee.

## Shared Care Committee

Measures Change Through the Triple Aim Lens



### You're Invited! Integrated Primary and Community Care Huddle Time

On behalf of the Division of Family Practice and Interior Health, you (and your MOA) are invited to attend a "Huddle" about our Integrated Primary & Community Care (IPCC) project. The "Huddle" will be held on February 26, 2015 (0800-0900). [Click here](#) to view the invitation. There will be a brief IPCC update as well as want to hear you thoughts on successes / challenges to date and key areas of focus for the future. Following the "Huddle" there will be an IPCC Planning Meeting (0915-1100), where those who are able are welcome to attend. Compensation for Physicians and MOA's is available.

Please **RSVP** to [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca) by February 23/15

*Shirley Sze*  
President, Thompson Division of Family Practice

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### Medicine Sun Peaks 2015 A Success

The Medicine Sun Peaks February 6-8<sup>th</sup> weekend was a huge success. We had close to 100 attendees, including 19 Family Medicine Residents from Prince George and Kamloops. It was a conjoint effort between the RIH CME Committee and the Northern Health CME.

It is with our Division support that administrative assistance was provided for the organization and coordination of the three day event. Prince George was able to bring some of their specialists for the Sunday afternoon workshops.

It is also with Division support that we were able to sponsor our FM Residents and their partners to attend this event as well as have the ability to build stronger relationships with the Prince George Division of Family Practice.

Our Recruitment Committee, including Christine M., Drs. Dong, Loland, and Janz, was present to present an excellent profile of our community to the attendees and Chelsea Brookes, our Division Office Administrator, did a fantastic job of

coordinating the action event with Rachael Newton-Slavin, the RIH CME Admin Assistant, doing all the heavy lifting up to the actual meeting. Well done team!

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## Recruitment Update

Did you know you can post jobs and locums on the [Family Practice Kamloops Area website](#)? Recently we have had some successes with physicians posting to the website. If you are looking for a locum, or have full-time or part-time opportunities available, please contact Christine Matuschewski at [thompsonrecruitment@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonrecruitment@divisionsbc.ca).

The Recruitment committee would like to extend an invitation for any expressions of interest to be the Chair of this committee in the upcoming year, please email your expression to [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca).

The Thompson Region Division of Family Practice would like to thank everyone who stopped by the recruitment booth at the Medicine Sun Peaks Conference this past Family Day long weekend. The weekend was filled with great conversations and learning opportunities. We look forward to seeing the outcomes of those positive connections that were created.



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## Change Day BC

The BC Patient Safety & Quality Improvement Council is inviting anyone involved in health and social care across the province to commit to an act of change that will improve care for patients or the system we work in. What someone pledges, and how they do it, is entirely up to them.

You are invited to make a pledge any time between now and Change Day, which will take place on Thursday, October 15, 2015 (15-10-15).

For further information please contact [changedaybc@bcpsqc.ca](mailto:changedaybc@bcpsqc.ca) or click [here](#).

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## Access to Psychiatry: New Psychiatrist Taking Community Referrals

Our community will soon be welcoming a new psychiatrist! Dr. Akindele Sorinmade will be opening a general, adult, psychiatric office practice on March 8, 2015, and will be taking community referrals. [Click here](#) and use your DivIT login to find out more information about him and how to refer, and to access additional resources related to psychiatry, including a contact list for office psychiatrists and non-emergency psychiatric phone consultations.

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## Do You Need Information About Community Services?

Have you ever wondered about all the services available in our community? Look

no further! This useful documents includes contact information for many of the community services in Kamloops, including counselling and support services, medical equipment and supply contacts, home support services, and much more. [Click here](#) to access the document.

Additional resources:

- [Red Cross Referral Form](#)
- [Kamloops Home Health Programs](#)
- [City of Kamloops/IH Programs](#)
- [CIHS Referral Form](#)

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## Exciting News From the Diabetes Education Program

Thanks to the work of the Diabetes team, the wait list for patients to be seen at the Diabetes Education Program is decreasing. The current wait time is approximately one month for classes. There are some urgent spots available for GDM and urgent patients if your patient needs to be seen quickly. For more information, please contact Jeannine Jubinville by phone at 250-314-2222 or by email at [jeannine.jubinville@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:jeannine.jubinville@interiorhealth.ca).

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## Interior Health Staffing Announcement

Kamloops CIHS Management Team welcomes Navy Sahota to the North Shore Seniors' Nurse Practitioner role in Kamloops. Please [click here](#) to read the full staffing announcement.

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## Important Information about the Eating Disorder Program

The Kamloops Mental Health & Substance Use Eating Disorder Program has provided comprehensive care to the Kamloops community and surrounding area for some time. [Click here](#) to read an update from the Eating Disorder Program and access a list of useful resources.

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## Interior Health PACS Consolidation Project

"OnePACS" is a project to consolidate the two PACS systems currently being used across Interior Health. Please [click here](#) to read the memo, sent on behalf of Zeno Cescon, Regional Director Diagnostic Imaging Services, and Mal Griffin, CIO and Corporate Director Service Innovation.

Please contact John Geistlinger for more information at [john.geistlinger@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:john.geistlinger@interiorhealth.ca).

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## Extra Reading and Resources

[Click here](#) to read the latest edition of the Divisions Dispatch newsletter.

[Click here](#) to read the latest edition of the GPSC newsletter.

[Click here](#) for the latest GPSC Meeting Summary.

[Click here](#) to access information about UpToDate.

[Click here](#) to read the latest edition of Interior Health's newsletter.

[Click here](#) to read the latest edition of the SSC newsletter.

[Click here](#) to view the Endocrinology Telehealth tri-fold pamphlet.

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Division Board of Directors:** Your Division Directors meet monthly to review progress and develop strategies to address emerging opportunities.

Upcoming Board Meetings: March 9, 2015

**Thompson Collaborative Services Committee:** Upcoming CSC Meetings:  
February 19, 2015, March 19, 2015

If you have items to bring forward to the Board and/or CSC please contact  
[thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca)

**CYMHSU Collaborative Learning Session 5:** April 8-9, 2015, Sheraton  
Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

**Change Day BC:** October 15, 2015.

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