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Summer 2016

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It's officially summer so we'll be brief. This latest issue of the Division Dispatch will provide you with a quick update on what's on our radar. We'll bring you a new issue in September highlighting the events of the summer and what to look forward to this fall.

First Notice: Division AGM

There's never been a better time for an Annual General Meeting. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 for dinner, program updates, elections, approval of new bylaws and so much more.

Call for Nominations: Board of Directors

Are you interested in meaningful change and governance? This is your opportunity to consider a nomination to the Thompson Region Division's Board of Directors. If you are interested in participating in energizing conversations and influencing the future direction of your Division, please complete the [Director Self-Nomination form](#) by August 15th and submit to Dr. Graham Dodd, Nominating Committee Chair, c/o the Thompson Region Division by email to thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca.

Update: Primary Care Transformation and Your Practice

Thank you to everyone who attended our engagement event on June 15th and responded to the survey about practice transformation "proof of concept" areas. The Ministry of Health leadership is reviewing the results in preparation for meeting on August 3rd with those of you who expressed interest. Look for an email invitation expected July 25th.

Pathways

is coming to the Thompson Region

— Planned Launch Fall of 2016 —

What is Pathways?

- Pathways is a Physician referral database designed by and for physicians.

Who is this for?

- Specialists and Family Physicians.

Why should I sign up?

- Improves the quality of Specialist referrals because the GPs are informed about individual Specialists' areas of practice and referral processes. This has dramatically reduced phone calls and inappropriate referrals.
- Broadens awareness of local Physician community.
- Allows Specialists to define their scope of practice, and indicate what they do not practice.
- Provides access to Physician-specific resources.

How do I sign up?

- You will receive a Pathways survey in August. You will be issued an access key to use the site after returning the completed survey to Tessa Girodat, Pathways Administrator, F: 250-372-1610 E: tgirodat@pathwaysbc.ca

FAST FACT #1

Over **20,000** page views per week.

FAST FACT #2

GPs (and their offices) account for approximately **90%** of page views.

FAST FACT #3

Over **3,000** Specialists in BC are currently accessible on Pathways, and growing.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are presently over **200** patient information resources on Pathways.



Division Website Refreshed

Your Thompson Division website has had a facelift! We've revamped our website to bring you relevant information in a more user-friendly way. We'll endeavour to update regularly in order to keep you in the loop. [Click here](#) to check it out!



New Admin Assistant at the Division

We are pleased to welcome Tessa Girodat to our office as our new administrative assistant and Pathways Administrator. Tessa joins our team with work experience in the travel and insurance industries.

Living a balanced life is important to Tessa, who enjoys a variety of physical and creative activities, along with planning her next travel adventure with her husband.

Email Tessa at tgirodat@divisionsbc.ca.

New Patients Welcome?

The Division continues to receive inquiries from people looking for a family doctor. We acknowledge all practices are currently over capacity. However, should your practice have space, please contact us. We can provide you with patient contact information and other supports. We're here to help.

Upcoming CME and Webinar Opportunities

Compassionate Care: Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)

- **Date:** Tuesday, August 2
- **Location:** Kelowna General Hospital
- [Click here](#) for more information and the registration form.

Optimizing Communication for Excellence in Patient Care workshop

- **Date:** Friday, September 23
- **Location:** Vancouver, BC
- **Credits:** 18.0 Mainpro+ credits and 9.5 MOC Section 1 credits
- **Register:** <https://events.ubccpd.ca/website/index/110650>

10th Annual Pacific Psychopharmacology Conference

- **Date:** Friday, September 23
- **Location:** UBC Robson Square, Vancouver BC
- **Target audience:** Psychiatrists, Primary Care Physicians, Pharmacists, Psychologists, Nurses, and Social Workers
- **Credits:** 5.75 Mainpro+/MOC Section 1 credits
- **Website:** <http://ubccpd.ca/course/pppc2016>

Allergy and Clinical Immunology Update 2016

- **Date:** Saturday, October 29
- **Location:** SFU Segal Building, Vancouver BC
- **Target audience:** Family physicians, pediatricians residents & students
- **Credits:** 6.5 Mainpro+/MOC Section 1 credits
- **Website:** <http://ubccpd.ca/course/Allergy2016>

Maternity Care "Train the Trainer" Workshop

- **Date:** Saturday, October 22
 - **Location:** Coast Coal Harbour Hotel
 - **Register:** <http://ubccpd.ca/course/maternity-care-ttt>
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Interior Health Seeking a Physician for the Eating Disorders Program

Are you interested in the Eating Disorders Program? IHA is seeking a physician to join their program team of therapists, nurses, dietitians, OTs, and psychiatrists. Having a physician as part of the team is vital to the success of the program and the well being of clients. The position is approximately 3-4 hours per week and there is sessional time.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Stacey Greenidge at 250-377-6500 or stacey.greenidge@interiorhealth.ca.

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 view the Endocrinology Telehealth tri-fold pamphlet.

Perinatal Services BC has recently refreshed their Pregnancy Passport. [Click here](#) to access the resource.

Building on the success of our A GP For Me feasibility study, Excel Personnel Inc. has launched its [Physician Locum Service](#) in the Thompson Region. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Watt by phone 1-877-374-3853 or via email at karen@excel.bc.ca.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Annual General Meeting: September 27, 2016

Division Board of Directors: Your Division Directors meet monthly to review progress and develop strategies to address emerging opportunities. Upcoming Board Meetings: September 7, 2016

Thompson Collaborative Services Committee: Upcoming CSC Meetings: September 22, 2016

If you have items to bring forward to the Board and/or CSC please contact thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca

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