# The South Okanagan Team-Based Primary Care Clinic Model

The One to Watch

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## Vision

- All patients attached
- More large clinics
- Team integration
- Retain and recruit providers
- One chart



# Prototype

- Limited number of Primary Care
   Network clinicians
- Chose to locate majority of clinicians at one clinic
- Aim to demonstrate results of an effective team
- Goal to build the case for more Ponderosas



# Ponderosa Primary Care Centre

#### Small Space

\$340,000 Ministry provided capital funding with Primary Care Network service plan

12 exam rooms

2 consult rooms

10 touchdown spaces

3,300 square feet

#### Large Team

29 team members:

- o 6 family physicians
- o 3 nurse practitioners
- o 5 allied health professionals
- 2 registered nurses
- o 3 specialists
- o 8 medical office assistants
- o 2 long-term locums





Unique: Team Calls the Shots





Team builds common visions

Team spends time learning each other's areas of expertise

Team meets regularly to problem-solve and innovate

Team retains clinical autonomy but embraces standardization

Team relationships are strong

## Unique: Division Expertise





#### Division

manages clinic operations



Division hires and manages medical office assistants



Division is accountable for Primary Care Network goals



#### Division

supports team integration (PCN change management)



#### Division

facilitates collaboration



Division trusted as experts in the business of primary care

## Story: RN Standard of Work

- Needed to determine RN roles
- Division worked with RNs and the team to identify areas of work
- Refined the standard of work at regular meetings with the team
- Determined best use of RN time and expertise
- Constantly refining to fit the need

#### **AREAS OF WORK**

New Patient Intake

**Profile Building** 

**Medication Reconciliation** 

**Case Conferences** 

**Chronic Disease Management** 

Post Hospital Discharge

Same Day Access

**Respiratory Assessments** 

**Quick Procedures** 

**Patient Education** 

**Patient Triage** 

**Complex Care** 

**Procedure Assist** 

PAP and Sexual Health

# Story: "My Way to Health" Group Visits



Dietitian received high volume of referrals for weight loss

Dietitian was trained in "My Way To Health" group visits

Dietitian subsequently introduced group visits to Ponderosa

4 group visits = 52 patient encounters



## PATIENT-CENTRED CARE

- o 6,800 patients receive care they value
- o Open 8-8, 7 days a week
- RNs: 50% of each 12 hour shift open for same day visits
- FPs/NPs: Each have 1 hour/day open for same day visits





#### PATIENT OUTCOMES

Accessibility and extended hours reduces hospital use





## CARE TEAM WELLBEING

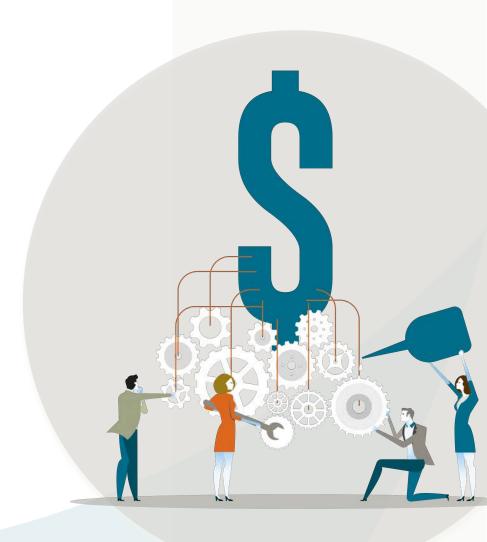
- 3 retiring doctors have been replaced
- Waitlist of providers wanting to work at Ponderosa
- High allied health retention and work satisfaction





### **COST EFFECTIVE**

- Efficient use of space and resources, low overhead, 10% administration
- o Team members work to top of scope





## **HEALTH EQUITY**

Patients have access to all members of team



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PATIENT-CENTRED CARE PATIENT OUTCOMES CARE TEAM WELLBEING **COST EFFECTIVE HEALTH EQUITY** 



## We Need Another Ponderosa



Solve the 5,300 attachment gap

#### Requirements:

- o Capital for a larger clinic space
- More allied health, nurse and nurse practitioner contracts
- o Continued change management
- o Division clinic management

