



**South Okanagan Similkameen**  
**Division of Family Practice**  
A GPSC initiative

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*A place for physicians to connect, collaborate and create change*

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AGM 2017

*Collaborative Services Committee:  
(pictured) Nancy Laramie, John  
Yarschenko, Carl Meadows, Dr. Murali  
Venkataraman, Dr. Tim Phillips, Susan  
Brown, Tracy St. Claire, Anne Marie  
Locas, Dr. Curtis Bell, and Greg Cutforth*





*Shared Care Steering  
Committee:  
Membership now includes  
Interior Health's MHSU  
Administrator and PPMS*





*Board of Directors and  
Physician Champions  
recognized at the Physician  
Lead Appreciation Dinner at  
the Vanilla Pod Restaurant*



April 2016

*Dr. Ella Monro and Cherie  
Whittaker accept the Rural  
Medicine Award of Excellence  
for Princeton, BC*



June 2016



*Get Connected Event:  
Physician meeting and family  
social at Walnut Grove  
Beach Resort*



October 2016

*Get Connected Event:  
Rural physicians from  
Princeton, Keremeos, Oliver  
and Osoyoos*



October 2016



*Get Connected Event:  
Physicians and families  
having lunch*



October 2016



*Get Connected Event:  
A great chance for the rural  
physician community  
to meet*



October 2016

*Celebration Dinner for the  
inaugural UBC Okanagan  
Family Medicine Residency  
Program*





*Recruitment activities for the  
South Okanagan  
Similkameen, including  
promotional materials*

**Oliver/Osoyoos, BC**

**WORK.**



Oliver: 10 family physicians  
Osoyoos: 6 family physicians  
Community hospital

**LIFE.**



biking, beaches, water sports, golf,  
alpine/nordic skiing, wineries,  
orchards, farmer's markets

**BALANCE.**



resort community,  
relaxed lifestyle,  
affordable housing

February 2017

*Polypharmacy Risk Reduction*  
*physician mentoring sessions*  
*with Dr. Mark Lawrie*





*Widening the Circle:  
Drug and Alcohol Worker,  
Elaine Kruger, presents at the  
Aboriginal Crisis Response  
Team event at the Penticton  
Indian Band Hall*



March 2017

*Widening the Circle:  
Dr. Jeff Harries making  
connections at the Aboriginal  
Crisis Response Team event at  
the Penticton Indian Band Hall*



March 2017



*Widening the Circle:  
Team Lead Kim Montgomery  
shares stories at the  
Aboriginal Crisis Response  
Team event at the Penticton  
Indian Band Hall*



March 2017

*Widening the Circle:  
Dr. Zoe Ayling speaks to a  
presenter who shared his  
family's story at the  
Aboriginal Crisis Response  
Team event at the Penticton  
Indian Band Hall*



March 2017



*Ask a Specialist, Tell a  
Specialist CME presenters:  
Drs. Majid Zolein, Trevor  
Connolly and  
Shannon Walker*



June 2017

*Dr. Michelle Teo at the Ask a  
Specialist, Tell a Specialist  
CME*



June 2017



*Ask a Specialist, Tell a  
Specialist CME presenters:  
Drs. Trevor Connolly and  
Tracy Chandler*



June 2017

*Locally-developed CYMHSU  
resources for physician offices  
in the South Okanagan  
Similkameen*



June 2017



*Keremeos benefiting from the  
Practice Support Program  
Advanced Access and Office  
Efficiency Series*



*Development of an  
Emergency Department  
survey: Why are patients  
using the ED when other care  
options are available?*

