

PRIMARY MATERNITY CARE

Highlights



Proactive response to declining family physician numbers, and difficulties recruiting and retaining new maternity colleagues.

- Developed a Community Maternity Care Model for the region, which is sustainable, maintains patient choice, keeps all providers practicing, allows for provider work/life balance and allows for flexibility, cross-coverage and ease of transfer of care.
- Created an interdisciplinary collaborative maternity clinic at Penticton Regional Hospital: The South Okanagan Maternity Centre opened in April 2018, as a one-year pilot project with 4 family physicians and 1 midwife.
- Developed resource materials for expectant mothers, which includes a regional maternity options website and rural transfer brochures for patients in Princeton and other rural communities.



Project Complete (Apr 2013 — Mar 2018) **Pilot: Apr 2018 — 2019**