



Board Members (L to R): Ljiljana Kordic, Sylvia Henderson, Calvin Cheng, Martin Ray (Lead), Ruth Turnbull

We are pleased to announce that we now have 58 Family Physicians in South Delta registered in the Delta Division of Family Practice.

It was wonderful to see so many of our colleagues in attendance and actively participating in the “A GP for Me” Initiative on April 17th. GPSC funding of the “A GP for Me” Initiative provides an exciting opportunity to improve primary care in Delta.

In order to take full advantage of the new funding, our division must submit a Letter of Intent and then develop a comprehensive plan. Your division will facilitate the development of our “A GP for Me” Initiative plan at an all members working meeting in September. At this event everyone will have the opportunity to shape the direction of the Delta Division plan. We are currently formulating a small working group of physicians to develop the planning process. If you have interest in participating in this exciting Initiative at the grass roots level, please contact Division staff or Board members at delta@divisionsbc.ca.

Dr. Martin Ray, *Lead Physician*

Attachment Initiative

A reminder that you are required to inform our division if you wish to participate in the “A GP for Me” billing initiative. 27 of 57 members have indicated their participation.

Related documents are on the GPSC website at:

<http://www.gpsc.bc.ca/attachment-initiative>

Walk with your Doc



Participants in the first *Walk with your Doc* event held May 4 at Boundary Bay Regional Park. The first annual *Walk with Your Doc* was held on May 4th at Boundary Bay Regional Park. The Division-sponsored event invited members of the community to join local family physicians for a healthy, leisurely stroll along the dyke and trails at Boundary Regional Park.

Division Committees update

Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee

Committee members: Martin Ray, Lead; Chris Vipler; Jennifer Rogerson, Navdeep Grewal



Local physician and committee member Chris Vipler joined our Regional Recruitment Strategy Coordinator, Anita Attwal at the one-day Practice Survival Skills: What I Learned in My First Years of Practice.

- survey has been completed by 100% of eligible physicians
 - results are being tabulated and results expected to be available within a month
- practice description template is completed
- recruitment video highlighting South Delta as a place to practice will be filmed in August
- a standard physicians contract is being produced
- joint locum program is being developed
- participation with Provincial and Regional Recruitment Programs is progressing

Mental Health and Addictions Committee

Committee members: Ruth Turnbull, Lead; Christine Gemeinhardt, Richard James

Currently the committee is:

- developing a physician survey to gain a better understanding of the mental health and addiction needs in our community
- planning to develop a resource mental health services guide for care providers

Orthopaedic Committee

Committee members: Ljiljana Kordic, Lead; Craig Martin; Dan Robibo; Dan Rubin

- a Joint Committee of Division Orthopedic Committee members, hospital medical staff and Fraser Health Authority staff is exploring the logistics of a cast clinic at Delta Hospital
- the Orthopedic Committee is reviewing a comprehensive care plan for South Delta

Community Health Committee

Committee Lead: Calvin Cheng

- in the process of forming a committee

If you are interested in working with one of the groups, please contact the group leader at delta@divisionsbc.ca.

UpToDate - new apps available for portables

After a successful beta testing period, UpToDate has launched the full version of its mobile app: UpToDate Anywhere. This app provides all funded Divisions of Family Practice members with unrestricted access to the UpToDate clinical tool on their mobile devices. Compatible devices include the iPhone, iPad, Android device and Windows 8 tablet.

Members who accessed the mobile app during the beta testing period are not required to make any changes to their accounts. In order to maintain remote access, all members will need to confirm they remain affiliated with the Divisions of Family Practice by logging into UpToDate through the Divisions website every 30 days.

For more detailed instructions, access the [UpToDate tip sheet](#) or the [UpToDate Anywhere page](#) through the Divisions website. For technical support, contact UpToDate customer service at 1-800-998-6374 or customerservice@uptodate.com.

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Physicians Data Collaborative



Dr. Robert Clarke is the Delta Division representative on the Physicians Data Collaborative (PDC).

The Delta Division is a member of the Physicians Data Collaborative (PDC), along with most other Divisions in the Province. It is entirely doctor driven. It is incorporated as a non-profit society funded by contributions from the Divisions. The PDC was conceived and developed by physicians. Data collection is not influenced by pharmaceutical companies, government or any organization which may have a real or perceived self interest.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Board meets regularly on the 1st Tuesday of each month
Orthopaedic Committee meets monthly
Recruitment & Retention Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month
Mental Health Committee meets monthly
Community Health Committee will begin meetings shortly
Collaborative Services Committee (CSC) meets on the 4th Tuesday, alternate months

UPDATE

Coordinator Gord Collings has accepted a full-time position as Head Coach, of the University of B.C. Women's Softball team. His last day with Delta Division will be July 16, 2013. Gord has been Coordinator since November 2012 and has worked diligently in this position. Gord will also be leaving his successful coaching position at Douglas College.

We would like to thank Gord for his participation in the Division and wish him well and great success in his new role at U.B.C.

MEMBERS

WELCOMES:

New Delta Division member Adrian Wladichuk
New Board member Dan Rubin
New Recruitment Committee member Navdeep Grewal

Accessing the members-only portion of the website:

<https://www.divisionsbc.ca/provincial/home>
Member login: top right corner of the home page screen.

Contact us:

www.divisionsbc.ca/delta.