

# The Port Alberni PCN Check up

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Welcome to the second newsletter of the Port Alberni Primary Care Network. These monthly newsletters will keep you informed on the news and events from the Port Alberni Primary Care Network Team.

## Changes to the Attachment Code

Starting February 1, 2024,  
all FPs and NP are required to use  
a new \$0 attachment code to attach patients:  
o This new code is 98990.

- All PCN attachment codes that were previously used will be retired as of February 1. 98990 will be the only attachment code used to attach patients moving forward.
- To add a new patient to their Patient Attachment System (PAS) panel, FPs and NPs should submit this 98990 attachment code to MSP/Teleplan through their EMR.
- FPs and NPs should always use this code when attaching patients. Doing so will ensure the submission counts toward meeting provider attachment targets.
- It may take a few days after the attachment code is submitted for the patient to show up in PAS.

### General PAS Information:

- The Ministry of Health continues to work with Doctors of BC (DoBC) and Nurse and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC) to support the implementation of the Provincial Attachment System (PAS).
- PAS is composed of three registries; the public-facing Health Connect Registry (HCR), and the provider-facing Panel Registry and Clinic and Provider Registry.
- Family Physicians (FPs) and Nurse Practitioners (NPs) who provide longitudinal primary care services in B.C. are expected to register for and use PAS.
- Participation includes uploading a clean list of empanelled patients into the Panel Registry and ensuring that this list remains up to date.
- The data available through PAS will help offer a complete picture of attachment throughout B.C, including the number of attached and unattached patients, the number of people actively seeking a primary care provider, and the number of providers who can take on new patients.
- PCNs play a key role in supporting attachment efforts and strengthening primary care, with many BC primary providers working within our Primary Care Networks.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Four Medicines for Building Relationship

March 14, 2024 5:30-7pm

Last in the Series:

First Nation engagement sessions are being offered in collaboration with Port Alberni PCN and Nuuchahnulth First Nation Elders.

Providers who are currently engaged or considering applying for upcoming Allied Health roles via PCN are highly encouraged to attend, as cultural sensitivity is part of the agreement in having these roles.

Sessionals will be paid.

### Special Authority Pharmacy

April 4th, 2024.

Special Authority Health Benefits Presentation  
Attendance payable by Sessional.

Submit your questions and learn about Special Authority coverage from an Indigenous care pharmacist

### Team Based Care- Team Mapping

June 12, 2024 6pm-8pm

Join Erin Lutz, Doctors of BC, Manager of Team Based Care and Practice Improvement Coach, and her team as they help us dive into Team mapping it can benefit providers who are already engaged in team-based care (TBC), or who are moving towards team-based care.

## MOA Corner

Thankyou!

Thank you to all of you who filled in the Questionnaire it was greatly appreciated. We will take all of your information and work on setting up some MOA events