

Primary Care Networks

I need support for a patient.
Where can I send her?
How will I know what happens to my patient?



As part of a primary care network, you have access to a supportive team of health care providers and services outside of the practice to expand care for your patients.

A primary care network (PCN) is a clinical network of providers in a geographic area where patients receive expanded, comprehensive care and improved access to primary care. PCNs include GPs in patient medical homes (PMHs), allied health care providers, health authority services and community health services. Everyone works together to provide all of the primary care services for the local population.



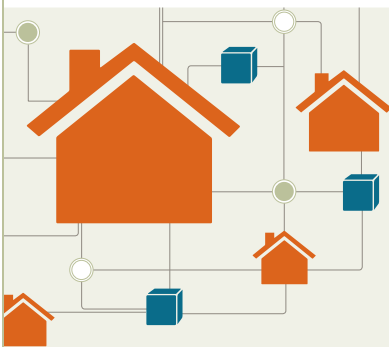
PATIENTS
Get timely, comprehensive, coordinated care outside of the doctor's office when needed, arranged by the GP.



FAMILY DOCTORS
Have convenient access to a supportive network of people and services for expanded patient care.

- PCNs reorganize the way everyone works together by:
- Strengthening teamwork, communication and links.
 - Bringing services together around GPs and patients.
 - Creating capacity in a community to increase access.

- You get more support to do your job, including:
- Direct access to an array of clinical services.
 - Team-based care supports for patients.
 - Connections with other parts of the system.



THE BIG PICTURE

Makes the whole community stronger, which in turn supports GPs to care for patients and create patient medical homes.

Get Involved

Divisions of family practice and health authority and community partners have started the work to create PCNs in some BC communities. Other communities will follow.

Participate in a supportive network of local primary care services to increase comprehensive care



Optimize
Use EMR data to know and plan for your patients' needs.



Engage
Work with other GPs and use collective data to identify team-based needs.



Plan
Work with divisions and CSCs to plan community supports.