

Patient Medical Homes

How can I give the best care to my patients?
Where can I get some help?
How can I make my practice run better?



A patient medical home brings more supports into a family practice to increase your ability to care for patients.

A patient medical home (PMH) is a family physician practice where patients get the majority of their care. It builds on what GPs are already doing, and takes the practice to the next level. GPs get more consistent support from teams, networks, and clinical services in the community and use data to inform decisions.



PATIENTS
Have a relationship with a GP and access to the best care.



FAMILY DOCTORS
Spend time on diagnoses, patient relationships and longitudinal care.

A PMH helps GPs to get relief from caring for patients alone, which can help avoid burnout, and make the most of practice resources, time, and capacity.

Four key changes create a patient medical home:

1. Greater use of EMR data to plan care and supports.
2. Team support from allied health professionals and other providers.
3. Physician networks for peer and patient support.
4. Being part of a primary care network.



THE BIG PICTURE

Helps a practice operate at an ideal level, which in turn creates a strong foundation for primary care networks in the community.

Get Involved

The creation of patient medical homes is an emerging area of work in BC. You and your practice team can get started by identifying supports you need for your patients through the process of panel management.

Frees you up to do the work you love to do, and for what brought you into the medical profession in the first place.



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



Identify
Identify team-based supports that would help you.



Plan
Connect with other GPs to plan for mutual patient supports.