



Divisions of Family Practice

A GPSC initiative

Divisions of Family Practice are community-based groups of family physicians working together to achieve common health care goals. Divisions work collaboratively with community and health care partners to enhance local patient care and improve professional satisfaction for physicians. The initiative is founded on the belief that our communities are best served when we seek to improve the health of all residents in the region.

Divisions of Family Practice initiative is funded by the [General Practice Services Committee \(GPSC\)](#), a joint committee of the [Government of BC](#) and [Doctors of BC](#).

Beginning in 2009 in three prototype communities, the Divisions of Family Practice initiative has expanded to include 35 divisions representing more than 230 communities, including a division that targets physicians in remote and rural areas of the province. The divisions are:

Abbotsford	Kootenay Boundary	Ridge Meadows
Burnaby	Langley	Rural and Remote
Campbell River and District	Mission	Sea to Sky
Central Interior Rural	Nanaimo	Shuswap North Okanagan
Central Island	North Peace	South Island
Central Okanagan	North Shore	South Okanagan Similkameen
Chilliwack	Northern Interior Rural	Sunshine Coast
Comox Valley	Pacific Northwest	Surrey-North Delta
Cowichan Valley	Powell River	Thompson Region
Delta	Prince George	Vancouver
East Kootenay	Richmond	Victoria
Fraser Northwest		White Rock-South Surrey

Currently, more than 90% of BC's family physicians are members of their local division of family practice.

Benefits of Divisions

Being a member of a division offers a number of benefits, such as:

- Shared efforts to provide full-spectrum primary care.
- Forming a collective voice and providing greater impact on the organization of local and regional health services around a division practice area.
- Work with other health care stakeholders and government partners, and refine a framework for collaborative health care decision-making.
- Enhanced professional collegiality and access to physician health and wellness programs.
- Shared local and regional efforts for recruitment, retention, and locums.
- Support from colleagues in caring for complex-care or unattached patients.
- Engagement in both community-based projects and province-wide initiatives to meet the needs to improve access to primary care.

For more information, go to www.divisionsbc.ca.

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