

Dear PCN Partners,

As you may know, government announced in June 2018 that we would be adding [50 new clinical pharmacists](#) to primary care networks (PCNs) across the province as part of our new team-based primary health-care strategy.

These team-based pharmacists will work directly with patients with complex conditions and provide comprehensive medication management to identify and resolve drug therapy problems and help reduce and manage their medication-related problems. The integration of these clinical pharmacists to PCNs will enhance the quality of team-based care for both patients and other primary care providers in the network.

We have been working closely on this initiative with our partner, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia, which will lead the three-year developmental phase of this program. I am pleased to report at this time that we are nearing readiness to start hiring these pharmacists to PCNs across the province. In alignment with nursing and allied health providers, health authorities will be responsible for hiring and deploying pharmacists to PCNs.

We have received questions from some of you about when you may be able to start recruiting for these positions. We will keep you informed as we move forward, and UBC may begin reaching out to each of the PCN communities in Wave 1 to begin the planning process.

As with all this work, this will be a learning process for all of us, as we work with PCNs and UBC to make best use of the expertise and skills of these pharmacists.

If you have specific questions about this process, please connect with your Ministry Liaison.

Thank you,

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