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Thompson Region Division of Family Practice website  
**Check in regularly for upcoming events and information**

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## Divisions of Family Practice

*An initiative of the General Practice Services Committee*

## Endocrinology

The Thompson Region Division of Family Practice, UBC Okanagan, Interior Health Authority and Shared Care (Partners in Care) are collaborating to prototype telehealth as a viable specialist's referral and education option for our region. The prevalence of diabetes continues to rise and access to specialty services to meet this demand is a challenge within the Interior Health Authority region.

This lack of access to specialty services creates many struggles for family practitioners, patients and their families. In our region, there is a scarcity of Endocrinology service, which results in lengthy wait times, patients having to travel to other communities for service, inability to provide dedicated endocrinology support, and lack of specialty knowledge by family physicians.

We are pleased to announce the Endocrinology Telehealth initiative is now ready. Dr. Charlotte Jones, Endocrinologist in Kelowna is now accepting consultation appointments with physicians, specialists, nurse practitioners and the Kamloops Diabetic Clinic. Consultations will occur by telehealth, videoconference and teleconference in the areas of:

Youth transition services for type 1 diabetes

- Youth transition services for type 1 diabetes
- Gestational diabetes
- Complex diabetic patients

For detailed information please [click here](#).

If you have any questions on this initiative, please contact:

Thompson Region Division of Family Practice  
250-372-1621 or email [Thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:Thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca)

## Team Transitions



It is with great resistance that we say farewell to our Shared Care project lead Lisa Fuller who has moved on to a new exciting career path. We are very thankful to have had Lisa as part of our Team and for the tremendous amount of work and enthusiasm she brought to Transitions in Care and our Shared Care portfolio of projects. The Division is actively recruiting a new project lead over the next few months. If you do have any immediate questions or requests in regards to this project please contact the Division office directly at 250-372-1621

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**Submissions for the April newsletter must be provided to [vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca) by April 15, 2014**

As always, please email the Division at [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca) if you need more information on any particular topic or wish to volunteer for something, anything!

## GP for Me

The Thompson Region Division of Family Practice is busy at work on the Assessment and Planning phase of the GP for Me Initiative. The Day in the Life of a GP office visits are complete, 10 focus groups have been held with our health authority partners, and we are meeting with specialists, administrators, and community partners to listen to their stories of challenges in our primary care system. A physician survey launched March 14<sup>th</sup> asks you to share your views on primary care services and where your pressure points are in your practice. Make sure you fill out the survey so we know what your reality is. This is an exciting time as we work with you and the community to fully identify the primary care reality in the Thompson Region. For more information please contact Gerriane Clare at 250-372-1621 or [gclare@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:gclare@divisionsbc.ca)

## Recruitment

Thank you to everyone who has posted their opportunities on the Thompson Region Division of Family Practice website. We will be sending the posted locum opportunities to the UBC residents on a regular basis. If you have any locum opportunities, please make sure you have posted them to the [familypracticekamloopsarea.ca](http://familypracticekamloopsarea.ca) and we will include them.



**Join us, May 7, 2014, for a walk with patients at McArthur Island Park.**

As a leader in your community you have the ability to make a difference in your patients' health and well-being. Encourage your inactive patients to walk with you.

**Walk with your Doc** is an annual event celebrating daily movement for better health. Participating physicians will receive a promotional package that includes posters and "Rx for Health" prescription pads to help you promote the walk to your patients. Plus, pedometers will be distributed to registered walkers at the event, as supplies last.

### Event Details

**Date:** May 7, 2014

**Location:** McArthur Island Park

**Check-in:** 6:00

**Event starts:** 6:30

**For more information and registration, visit [walkwithyourdoc.ca](http://walkwithyourdoc.ca) or contact Vivian at [vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca).**

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## Important Updates & Participation Opportunity

Check out these important updates and more on the [Division website](#).

**Save the Date!** Our 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held May 21 at the Hotel 540, 540 Victoria Street. We are pleased to announce we will have guest speaker Dr. Dee Mangin, Associate Professor, the new David Braley & Nancy Gordon Chair in Family Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University. She comes with a wealth of experience from the University of Otago in New Zealand, where she was a clinician and academic family physician, holding the rank of Associate Professor of General Practice in the Department of Public Health and General Practice. Dr. Mangin was also the Director of the Primary Care Research Unit.

### **A GP for Me and In Patient Care**

A reminder that video presentations are available on the GPSC website to help you learn more about A GP for Me and In-Patient Care fee codes that became available for billing April 1, 2013. [Click to view](#).

We are also having Dr. Cathy Clelland presenting on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in the evening on GP for Me attachment fee codes. She will provide additional resources for those who need more help with billings. Further information to follow.

**South Asian Diabetes Support Group** will be having a meeting May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at the Sikh Temple on 700 Cambridge St. for more information please [click here](#).

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## Upcoming Meetings

**Division Board of Directors** Your Division Directors meets monthly to review progress and develop strategies to address emerging opportunities. If you'd like to attend or present an information item for any of the upcoming meetings please send an email to [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca) and we'll do our best to accommodate.

2014 scheduled meetings are; April 14, 2014.

**Thompson Collaborative Services Committee** The Thompson Collaborative Services Committee (CSC) is an innovative way for our division to work with IHA to co-generate solutions to the complex, serious and interconnected issues facing the health care system, the delivery of care and the experience of care.

If you have information or issues you'd like to bring to the attention of the CSC please contact us at [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca).

Next CSC meeting is: May 7, 2014