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GP for Me

The majority of the broad engagement of our community is complete. We have just completed a public survey asking the Thompson Region community about their use of primary care services. We had a good response rate and the results are just being tabulated. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. We will be holding a think tank session on May 28 with our strategic partners, physicians and the GP for Me advisory Committee to look at the results of the community assessment. If you would like to participate in this opportunity, please contact Gerriane Clare, project lead gclare@divisionsbc.ca.

Walk with your Doc

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.

Event Details

Date: May 7, 2014

Location: McArthur Island Park

Check-in: 6:00

Event starts: 6:30

For those physicians that are already registered please be sure to submit your final number of patients walking with you on May 5th.

For more information and registration, visit walkwithyourdoc.ca or contact Vivian at vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca.

Important Updates & Participation Opportunity

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

Reminder Save the Date! Our 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held May 21 at the Hotel 540, 540 Victoria Street. Please RSVP by May 14th if you will be attending dinner, drop ins are welcome for the meeting portion. 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

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Submissions for the April newsletter must be provided to vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca by **May 15, 2014**

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

Department of Public Health and General Practice. Dr. Mangin was also the Director of the Primary Care Research Unit. To register online please [click here](#).

Senior Symposium June 13, 2014 presented by Oncore Central Services and the City of Kamloops introducing Isobel Mackenzie the new BC Seniors Advocate. Please click here for more information.

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 4th 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.

Community News

Whole Health Care, a private health care company in Kamloops, founded in 2013 by two Registered Nurses, Colleen Thom and Heidi Whiteaker.

Through health challenges with loved ones, both women found a need to assist others with similar situations.

They offer services in *"Health Mapping"* and *"Mobile Nursing Foot Care"*.

Recognizing that foot care is not a regulated specialty as yet, both Colleen and Heidi are trained in Alberta, where standards for foot care are higher than in BC. In accordance with both BC and Alberta Infection and Prevention Control standards, they have chosen to deliver the safest care to their clients. All instruments used in their foot care procedures are *"sterile to the point of use"*. Attention is given to the diabetic client and the high risk foot with referrals to other health care professionals as necessary. For more information please [click here](#) or email whckamloops@shaw.ca

Healthy From the Start Effective Oct 15, Healthy From the Start (formerly known as the Prenatal Registry) program expanded IH wide. Healthy From The Start is a toll-free, confidential phone line service that offers health screening, information and referrals. Healthy From the Start connects pregnant women with appropriate services in their communities to help them have a healthy pregnancy. All women are encouraged to call early in pregnancy.

Physicians are asked to promote Healthy From the Start by sharing the contact information with all pregnant women using the business card and display information that was sent to all family and delivering physicians in October 2013. Clients can register by calling 1-855-868-7710, or online at www.interiorhealth.ca/HealthyFromTheStart. The service is offered Monday-Friday 8:30-4 PM PST. Referral forms are available if you have concerns that a woman may not call in but you would like her to be connected with this program.

For more information please contact Nadine Johnson, Practice Lead, Prevention and Promotion at Nadine.johnson@interiorhealth.ca.

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 and we'll do our best to accommodate.

2014 scheduled meetings are; May 5, 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 .

Next CSC meeting is: May 8, 2014