



South Peace Division of Family Practice

An FPSC initiative



Divisions Across the Province



Divisions of Family Practice are community-based groups of FPs and NPs 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 South Peace DoFP



Newest Division in the province



First members meeting held in April 2018



Registered non-profit society as of December 2023



31 FP/NP members across Dawson Creek, Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge





Vision Statement

Rural primary care providers supporting and promoting sustainable healthy communities in the South Peace through community partnerships and collaboration.



Guiding Principles

1. A good quality of life for the patients we serve.
2. A voice for providers, our patients, and our communities.
3. Strong communication and engagement with each other, our communities and partner organizations.
4. Work life balance.
5. Resiliency and sustainability for our providers.
6. Inclusivity and cultural sensitivity.

Priorities 2023/24

01

Become a Division

02

Plan and
Implement South
Peace Primary
Care Network
(PCN)

03

Enhance Team-
Based Care

04

Support
Recruitment and
Retention of
Primary Care
Providers



Current Projects

Primary Care
Network

Long-term
Care

Inpatient
Care

Rural
Obstetrics
and Maternity

Dawson
Creek Locum
House

Recruitment
and
Retention

SFU
Leadership
Course



Primary Care Network

- Provincially funded and supported opportunity to redesign primary care
 - Physician practices
 - Linkages between parts
- Phases
 - Planning
 - Implementation
 - Maintain



More resources for the region

- Planning – Plan due March 31
 - Reviewed by Ministry and partners
- Change management
- New resources
 - Over 19 new roles
- Governance
- Management and Operational



Three groups of strategies

- ⇒ **Improving Service Design and Patient Access to Longitudinal Primary Care**
 - Patients will have more timely access, an expanded range of services available and access available services in a seamless way.

- ⇒ **Bringing Health Care and Education into Communities**
 - Engage specific groups and the whole community through outreach, dialogue and education.

- ⇒ **Support Providers To Deliver and Co-ordinate Care**
 - Hire more primary care providers and provide a navigation service for patients needing specialist care, mental health or substance use care access to community-based services.

Examples

- ⇒ **Improving Service Design and Patient Access to Longitudinal Primary Care**
 - ⇒ Integrated Maternity and Primary Care site with after-hours primary care
 - ⇒ Physiotherapy and Respiratory Therapy
 - ⇒ Mental health and substance use strategy and team

- ⇒ **Bringing Health Care and Education into Communities**
 - ⇒ Community events and outreach to youth and seniors
 - ⇒ Workforce retention through access to services
 - ⇒ Supports to age in place

- ⇒ **Support Providers To Deliver and Co-ordinate Care**
 - ⇒ New providers and innovative care models
 - ⇒ Clinical pharmacist
 - ⇒ Referral service for patients and providers



Next Steps

- Committees review and amend Plan
 - Next week
- Submit plan to Ministry
- Funding to flow in Autumn 2024
 - Four-years to ramp up

Partnership Opportunities

Letter of Support to the Ministry of Health

- To assist in getting funding to hire new primary care providers across the region.

Improving Retention of Health Care Workers

- Welcoming and supports
- Access to services and programs for families

Integrated Primary Care Hub

- Location: Eljen Clinic
- Providing team-based primary care



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