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GPSC Team-Based Care Working Group

Under B.C.'s <u>Primary Care Strategy</u>, the Ministry of Health is investing in interdisciplinary team-based care. With support from our partners at the General Practice Services Committee (GPSC), the Doctors of BC, health authorities, the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC), we are taking steps to make sure people have faster and better access to the day-to-day health care services they need.

Through Primary Care Networks, doctors, nurse practitioners and other health care professionals are brought together to create networks of care. The goal of team-based care is to ensure patients have better access to a full suite of primary care services over the course of their life, and practitioners are able to practice to their full scope of practice.

In team-based care, a family physician or nurse practitioner works with a group of providers together in a coordinated and integrated way with patients, families and populations to enhance and maintain health and wellness. Team-based care increases access to primary care, and enhances longitudinal, comprehensive and quality care, and improves care experiences.

To support community-based providers, patient medical homes and partners to move to team-based care, a provincial GPSC Team Based Care Working Group has been established, made up of a cross-section of partners representing the PCN partner organizations and provider groups. The Working Group will lead the implementation of team-based care within the context of the Patient Medical Home (PMH) and Primary Care Networks (PCNs), and will address how we can best support family physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and allied care providers, First Nations and community service providers to deliver community team-based primary care.

The working group is co-chaired by the Doctors of BC and Ministry of Health and is made up of a broad group of partners, including health authority professional practice representatives, the First Nations Health Authority, the Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC, the Midwives Association of BC, the Society of General Practice, practicing providers and family doctors, the Chief Nursing Council, the BC Patient Safety and Quality Council, University of BC Innovation Support Unit and the GPSC Practice Support Program.

