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GPSC Membership Change

The General Practice Services Committee (GPSC), a collaborative partnership of [Doctors of BC](#) and B.C.'s Ministry of Health, is dedicated to strengthening full-service family practice and patient care throughout the province. It also supports the integration and alignment of physician services with other health service delivery, and promotes collaborative practice in meeting the needs of the population.

Six representatives are appointed to represent the Doctors of BC and the Ministry of Health to provide strategic leadership for the GPSC, along with guest members. The Committee includes representation from:

- Ministry of Health
- Doctors of BC
- Regional Health Authorities
- First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)
- Divisions of Family Practice
- Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of BC (NNPBC)
- Society of General Practitioners of BC

Through the Province's [Primary Care Strategy](#), the Ministry of Health, with Doctors of BC through GPSC, are taking steps to make sure people have faster and better access to the day-to-day health care services they need by investing in team-based primary care. This includes using team-based care to bring doctors, nurse practitioners and other allied health care professionals together to deliver comprehensive care through [Primary Care Networks](#) (PCNs). These networks of care will connect teams of health care providers together with other community organizations and health authority services to coordinate and streamline patient services. This team-based approach better supports the unique primary care needs of the entire community. The end result will help to ensure patients have better access to comprehensive primary care and attachment to primary care providers – a general practitioner or nurse practitioner.

Earlier this year, the partners renewed their focus on collaboration and partnership, and committed to work together to lead the implementation of the Province's primary care transformation. To reflect that collaborative space, the Ministry of Health has refreshed its core GPSC membership of 12 members to ensure strong interprofessional representation.



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Returning [members](#) include:

- Ted Patterson, assistant deputy minister of primary care and Ministry of Health co-chair
- Mark Armitage, Assistant deputy minister of health human resources and labour relations with the Ministry of Health
- Richard Jock, chief operating officer with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA)

New members now include:

- Shallen Letwin, vice president for clinical operations at Interior Health
- Kelly Gunn, vice president for primary and community care and chief nursing executive at Northern Health
- Danielle Daigle, Nurse Practitioner Council president and Director on the Board of Nurses and Nurse Practitioners of British Columbia

Bringing new voices to the table will complement the perspectives provided by government and physician members, and help advance the shared agenda for primary care – in particular, the implementation of [patient medical homes](#) and [primary care networks](#).

GPSC will also facilitate representation from a range of primary care partners – patients, community partners, physicians, divisions, health authorities, nurse practitioners, the First Nations Health Authority, the Ministry of Health and Doctors of BC. While every partner has specific roles and responsibilities, all are committed to a collaborative governance and operational model for the implementation and support of PCNs.

GPSC is one of four joint collaborative committees (JCC) between the Ministry of Health and Doctors of BC. The JCCs, made up of GPSC, the Shared Care Committee, the Specialist Services Committee, and the Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues, works to develop programs and initiatives dedicated to improving B.C.'s health care system.

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