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TRANSITION SUPPORTS FOR COMMUNITY PEDIATRICIANS

The Specialists Services Committee (SSC) has funded a BC Pediatric Society project to help Community Pediatricians address challenges encountered when transitioning youth with chronic health conditions to adult systems of care (i.e. to Family Practitioners, Adult Specialists and/or allied health supports). Drs. Aven Poynter and Todd Sorokan are project Co-Leads.

Project activities are guided by an environmental scan conducted in winter 2015. One-hour in-person working sessions were held with Community Pediatricians, Family Physicians and Adult Specialists throughout BC including Prince George, Kelowna, Penticton, Kamloops, Nanaimo, Victoria, Comox, Abbotsford and Langley.

Not surprisingly the three big challenges identified by Community Pediatricians participating in the scan were:

- Finding adult service providers (especially Family Practitioners) to take over primary care
- Accessing mental health services and supports for children moving from pediatric to the adult care system
- Need to have a “community resource list” to refer youth to who are transitioning to the adult care system

Some challenges are within the project control and some are systemic. Based on information from this scan, other information sources, and existing resources such as the ONTRAC initiative, the BCPS project will focus on developing:

- Medical transfer forms that meet the needs of both the referring community pediatrician and the referred-to physician;
- Support for the development of rosters of family physicians around BC accepting complex patients;
- FFS codes to be used when transitioning patients;
- Case studies to demonstrate the potential role of BCPS resources;
- Lists of key organizations to be accessed to support patients.

Upcoming Newsletters will provide you with updates about the project and tools being developed.

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- To participate in province-wide Consultation session (October 2106)
- To test-drive of the project tools (January 2017)