

COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE INITIATIVE:

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*Strengthening Paramedic Presence in BC's Rural and Remote
Communities through Community Paramedicine*



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Comparing BC & the UK



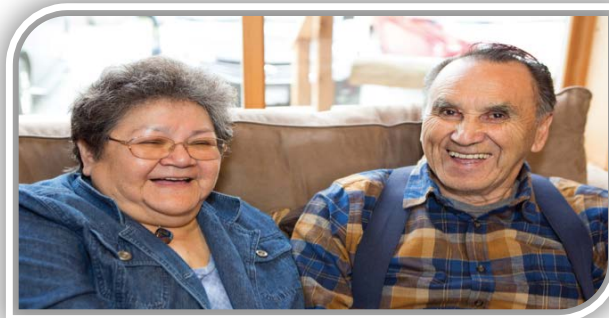
BC Emergency Health Services

- ✓ 3,600+ providers (PCP, ACP, ITT, CCP)
- ✓ 446,000 pre-hospital (911) events
- ✓ 96,000 inter-facility patient transfers
- ✓ 3 communications centres
- ✓ 585 vehicles
- ✓ 187 stations



BC's Health Care Context

- Aging population
- Increased demand for services
- Challenges associated with rural and remote access to health care
- Need to meet the Triple/Quadruple Aim
- Commitments to transform and integrate health



Community Paramedicine Initiative



- First province-wide program in Canada
- 73 rural and remote communities selected
- Community Paramedics deliver care within their existing primary care paramedic scope of practice
- Scheduled appointments for stable, referred patients

Stakeholders and Partners



CPI Program Objectives

- Bridge **health service delivery gaps** in the community, identified in collaboration with local primary care teams.
- Contribute to the **stabilization of paramedic 'service' staffing** in rural and remote communities.



Planning and Readiness

- ✓ Regulatory Change
- ✓ Memorandum of Agreement with CUPE 873
- ✓ Privacy Impact Assessment
- ✓ Community Selection
- ✓ Orientation Program – Justice Institute of BC
- ✓ Medical Oversight Model
- ✓ Clinical Guidelines and Procedures
- ✓ CP Field Communications Protocols
- ✓ Evaluation

Prototype Communities

Community Paramedics (RTOs) helping to define the scope of services required and develop of a local service plan

Northern Health: Chetwynd,
Fort St. James, Hazelton

Interior Health: Creston,
Princeton

Island Health: Cortes Island,
Port Hardy, Tofino-Ucluelet



Community Selection Model



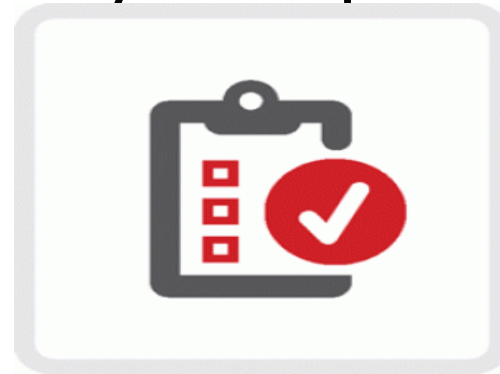
Phased Roll Out



This chart shows the expected posting schedule for community paramedicine positions.

Evaluation

- **Develop** an evaluation framework to support the initiative over the multi-year project cycle (2015 – 2019).
- **Analyze** impacts or changes; provide evidence to support policy and practice.
- **Identify** important lessons learned.



Evaluation Approach

- **Recruited evaluation expertise** through consultancy
- **Established** an Evaluation Advisory Committee
- **Developed a Framework:**
 - Theory of Change (in context)
 - High-level evaluation questions
 - Logic model
 - Data collection matrix & KPIs adoption and development
 - Evaluation and performance monitoring

Questions