

BC Health Care Matters



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BC Health Care Matters Rally Demands Access to a Family Doctor for All!

BC Health Care Matters is a grassroots organization that has been created to bring together citizens of British Columbia who are deeply frustrated by the ongoing exodus and shortage of Family Doctors in British Columbia.

Camille Currie, Founder/Organizer, said *“Our primary health care system is in crisis, and it’s time for all Citizens to stand up and support Family Doctors and demand a solution, because we all deserve better. If Citizens don’t speak up now and demand action, this Family Doctor shortage will worsen.”*

Citizens who wish to voice their concern and join in demanding a long-term solution to the crisis in primary health care are encouraged to attend a rally at the BC Legislature on Thursday, May 19th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm –to be silent and complacent is no longer an option.

Camille, went on to say, *“The Government hasn’t provided any evidence that they are addressing this crisis with tangible solutions and to date the band-aid short term measures offered simply don’t cut it”*

In Canada we have a higher ratio of doctors to population than ever before. In BC we are graduating more Family Doctors than ever before. However, new graduates are choosing to specialize or practice as hospitalists (in hospital Doctors). These graduates see how discouraging and financially draining it is to be in Private Practice as a Family Doctor. Hospitalist jobs don’t require worrying about overhead costs, they have a set schedule, they don’t have to perform any tasks that are unpaid, so many Family Doctors choose that option.

In BC we have 6800 licensed Family Doctors, but only 3200 of them are choosing to work in BC, as Family Doctors or to practice at all. **Camille** said, *“lack of trained individuals is not the cause of this Crisis, lack of political will is!”*

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