



OPEN THE DOORS TO PRIMARY CARE

INTEGRATE PRIMARY CARE INTO
COMMUNITY PLANNING

WHY IT MATTERS

**Communities are growing—
but healthcare infrastructure isn't keeping pace.**

- Over **700,000** British Columbians don't have a family doctor.
- While the Province has added **1,000+ new doctors** to our communities, many can't find a place to practice.
- The family doctor shortage won't be fixed without **affordable clinic space**.



BACKED BY Municipal Leaders

Municipalities endorsed a resolution to make clinic-ready spaces in new developments part of standard community planning at UBCM 2025.



Benefits



Grow Healthcare Infrastructure Alongside Communities



Remove Barriers for Doctors to Establish Practices



Proactively Address the Family Doctor Shortage



Increase Access to Healthcare for Residents

How Municipalities Can Lead

- ✓ Shape communities through land use and development approvals.
- ✓ Integrate healthcare infrastructure requirements into zoning and development policies.
- ✓ Ensure new developments include clinic-ready space—just as you do for parks, childcare, and other community priorities.

Ways the Province Can Help

- ✓ Partner with municipalities, Divisions of Family Practice, and developers to require community health clinic space in new developments.
- ✓ Provide funding—build-out grants, lease subsidies, or provincial leasing—to make primary care clinic space essential community infrastructure.

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