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Dr. CATHERINE CLELLAND, PROVINCIAL LEAD, BC CANCER PRIMARY CARE PROGRAM



Dr. Cathy Clelland is BC Cancer's Provincial Lead, Primary Care, a role she has held since 2017.

The role of the Provincial Lead is to guide the expansion of the Family Practice Oncology Network's (FPON) activities through the new BC Cancer Primary Care Program as it works to better support the integration of primary care as part of high quality, patient-centred interdisciplinary cancer care. A core focus is engaging Family Physicians and other Primary Care Providers from across BC and the Yukon, with a goal to design and implement a program that truly supports all Primary Care

Providers and their patients through improved communication, educational offerings, and engagement opportunities. Connecting with other programs such as screening and population health as well as clinical oncology, and enabling two-way communication between community primary care providers with BC Cancer will be an essential responsibility of the Provincial Lead to bring the voice of primary care to the work of BC Cancer.

Dr. Cathy Clelland obtained medical training at the University of Alberta and her Family Medicine residency at Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton. She practiced full service family medicine in BC beginning in 1986 in Prince George, then in Kelowna, and finally in Coquitlam. She joined the Board of the Society of General Practitioners of BC in 1997, was president in 2002/03 and Executive Director from 2004 – 2013.

Along with her role as Provincial Lead of BC Cancer's Primary Care Program, Dr. Clelland also serves as a consultant to the GP Services Committee, provides Billing and Practice Management Seminars to residents and practicing family physicians in BC, maintains a focused practice in primary maternity care. In the past, she held the position of Head of the Department of Family Practice at Royal Columbian Hospital and chaired the Practice Support Program End-of-Life Module development working group.

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