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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.

Cathy obtained her MD at the University of Alberta and then did her Family Medicine residency at the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton. She practiced full service family medicine in BC beginning in 1986 first in Prince George, then 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 subsequently was Executive Director from 2004 – 2013. She has been a member of the FPON Council since 2006 and was the Survivorship Lead for FPON from 2013 until assuming the role of Interim Medical Leader of the BC Cancer Provincial Primary Care Program in February 2016. In addition, she provides consulting services for the GP Services Committee and is Head of the Department of Family Practice at Royal Columbian Hospital where she practices primary care obstetrics.

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