

BC Independent Family Doctors are Being Systematically Eliminated

BASIC VISIT FEE

\$31.72

(any length)

includes visit, charting, referrals, follow-up, after-hours, overhead...

*was \$29.79 in 2012

This is the lowest rate in Canada.

Unchanged* despite:

- ↑ costs
- ↑ clinical volume
- ↑ administrative burden
- ↑ CPSBC requirements

**To survive, family doctors
...cut visit times
...cut corners
...or cut quality.**

You've seen the results.

Patients are dumped on specialists without workup or documentation, they don't provide follow-up care, and nobody takes responsibility. Wait lists grow. Emergency departments overflow with routine cases.

Increasingly, doctors are choosing other options like Telus Health, paying more than double.

Over half of BC's 6800 family physicians are no longer in longitudinal family practice. That number is growing... fast.

	Current Hourly Rate
Longitudinal Family Doctor	\$40 - \$80
UPCC	\$145 - \$165
Hospitalist	\$155 - \$180
Telehealth	\$125 - \$170

WHY?

Government's goal is replacing independent family practice with primary care managed by health authorities, no matter the cost (about \$125-\$250+ per visit).

By starving FFS, they're forcing physicians to beg for funding or lock into contracts.

Both require physicians to give up substantial control of how they practice.

Government isn't backing down. Most family doctors are balking. Telus and other companies are benefiting, providing assembly-line medicine and offering only a subset of services. That's further building demand for for-fee premium care.

There Are Workable Solutions

To the right are two options we're using in BC right now.

And one we're not.

There's Only ONE Obstacle.

Not training more doctors.

Not massive new investment.

Not large scale-capital projects.

Not creating brand new systems.

Not complicated multi-year plans.

Spot the one obstacle.

	Current FFS	UPCC gov't clinics	Modern FFS
Cost per typical patient visit	\$31	\$125-250+?	~\$70
Can accommodate patient volumes	☆☆☆	☆☆☆	★★★★
Wait times for appointments	☆☆☆	☆☆☆	★★★★
Reduces load on ER and specialists	☆☆☆	☆☆☆	★★★★
Supports appropriate length visits	☆☆☆	★★★★	★★★★
Supports time for documentation	☆☆☆	★★★★	☆☆☆
Financially supports family doctors	☆☆☆	★★★★	★★★★
Support from family doctors	☆☆☆	☆☆☆	★★★★
Support from government	☆☆☆	★★★★	NONE
Independent accountability	★★★★	☆☆☆	★★★★
Doctor/patient autonomy	★★★★	☆☆☆	★★★★

To learn more about the primary care crisis, its causes, and real solutions, visit <https://bcupcc.ca>.