

Patient Partner Recruitment – PCN Steering Committees

The Vancouver Division of Family Practice Patient Partners is seeking Patient Partners to serve on Primary Care Network (PCN) Steering Committees.

Vancouver Division of Family Practice

The Vancouver Division of Family Practice is a member driven organization supporting family physicians/practices. We are a leader and facilitator for primary care, working to create an engaged community and a collaborative healthcare system in Vancouver.

What is a PCN?

A Primary Care Network (PCN) is a clinical network of providers in a geographic area where patients receive expanded, culturally safe, comprehensive care and improved access to team-based primary care. PCN networks include Primary Care Providers, [Allied Health Supports](#), Nurses as well as other services in the community. PCNs are enabled by a partnership between a local division of family practice, the regional health authority, local First Nations, and other community partners. There are 6 PCNs across Vancouver, each covering a different geographical area. You can learn more on our website [here](#).

What is a Steering Committee?

A Steering Committee plays a key role in providing strategic direction and oversight for an organization or initiative. There are six Steering Committees, one per PCN, that will offer governance and support to each PCN. Each Steering Committee is comprised of two to three Family Physicians, 1 Nurse Practitioner and 1 Patient Partner. For more information click [here](#).

What Will Your Role Involve?

- Attend monthly meetings (including a 2-hour onboarding session in July).
- Bring insights and a perspective to the Steering Committee that represents the communities in the PCN.
- Support the committee in making collaborative high-level decisions about the work of the PCN.

- Supporting PCN community engagement and overseeing PCN-specific initiatives that address gaps identified through this engagement.
- Understand and approve the evolution of their PCN's Service Plan delivery strategy, including making decisions on recommended changes to the strategy for interprofessional teams (IPT), new-to-practice (NTP) physician contracts and Nurse Practitioner (NP) contracts.
- Liaising with and relying on the Vancouver Division's backbone support to deliver the above.

The Steering Committees bring together a mix of perspectives and experience to make decisions through shared consensus. Members of the committee are expected to bring a spirit of collaboration, respect and understanding.

If you are interested in becoming a Steering Committee Patient Partner, please contact pcn@vancouverdivision.com.

