



Community Update

November 24, 2016

Ashcroft

Interior Health wishes to reassure residents about physician health services in the community.

Physician Services

One of three physicians serving the community is leaving at the end of November. Ashcroft Health Centre will still have two full-time physicians; Dr. Amgad Zake and Dr. Debra Obu will continue to deliver primary care and part-time Emergency Department services. We thank Dr. Sarina Govindasamy for her services over the past two years. To book appointments, please call the clinic at 250-453-9353.

Emergency Department Services

The Emergency Department will continue to be open on weekends only. The two remaining physicians are working together to cover Emergency Department services through the holiday period, including Christmas and New Year's Day. These services will continue to be provided on weekends from Friday, 6 p.m., until Monday, 8 a.m. The community will be notified in advance if any changes are required. Patients are advised to use Emergency Departments in Lillooet, Merritt or Kamloops for urgent or emergent care on weekdays.

Physician recruitment

The recruitment team is actively working together with the Village of Ashcroft and the Ashcroft Wellness Health Action Coalition to create new and updated marketing material that will showcase Ashcroft. This will greatly assist efforts to attract prospective physicians in the community to ensure health services are sustainable over the long term. We remain optimistic that new physicians can be secured to support Ashcroft residents and neighboring communities.