

Dr. Ryan Herriot

Who am I?

I grew up in Victoria, and after a few years working as a *locum tenens* around the province I am happy to have returned to practice in on the Island. I split my professional time between full-service family practice, an addiction medicine clinic, and correctional medicine. I have previously served on the board of the Vancouver Division of Family Practice and am currently District 1's Vice-Delegate to the SGP.

Why Am I Running?

I am running for this position as an enthusiastic voice of the "First Five Years in Practice" and a committed advocate for primary care reform. There is exciting work ahead of us as we push toward genuine 21st century Family Medicine: the use of multidisciplinary teams, better EMR system integration, and of course alternatives to the fee-for-service payment model.

The new Physician Master Agreement includes a few tentative steps in this direction: while non-committal, it does open the door to "exploring" new payment models. Although no remuneration scheme would solve all that ails Family Medicine, the fact remains that we lag far behind other populous provinces in this area. This directly impacts our quality of life and our ability to best care for our patients.

It is going to take a lot of assertive internal advocacy to make new payment models a widespread and permanent reality in British Columbia. I intend to push for that change.