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when patients are getting together to learn about a condition,” says Fraser Health practice support team member Jivi Khehra.

Fraser Health is running two cohorts of between 30 and 40 GP/MOA teams each, with a rigorous evaluation planned to help make a decision on whether to offer the programs separately or together in future.

“Anecdotal feedback suggests the combined program is going really well,” says Ms Khehra. “But of course what counts is whether the positive changes are sustained over the longer term.”

Dr Shafonsky says he is encouraged by support for the PSP overall, which he feels validates the role of the GP. He also applauds the inclusion of MOAs in the modules. “They have so much more to offer than answering the phone,” he says.

As well as patient self-management and group visits, the PSP includes modules in advanced access (an approach to scheduling appointments) and chronic disease management. Modules are accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), and credits can be applied toward CFPC Maintenance of Proficiency (Mainpro) requirements.

The PSP is an initiative of the joint BCMA/Ministry of Health General Practice Services Committee. For more information, visit [www.practice.support.bc.ca](http://www.practice.support.bc.ca).

—Liza Kallstrom, Lead, Change Management & Practice Support, BCMA

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# in memoriam

## Dr David Doty 1950–2008

Dr David Doty died just before the official beginning of summer. His fractured family origins likely steeled his self-dependence and striking individuality. Only recently did he discover his entire saga and found that he had two gentle and loyal half sisters. He had a very competent intelligence, held strong convictions, and had an inflexible sense of fairness—which obliged him to battle any dissenter, especially if they were part of the establishment. Inside this warm, sociable, unapologetic personality there prowled the search of the committed rebel.

He was devoted and dedicated to the righteous cause of establishing a sensible and fair system of reimbursement for all specialists of the province: a Herculean struggle against the daggers of self-interest. His dream was to have the BCMA adopt his vision. His signature achievement was forging a province-wide reimbursement contract for doctors on hospital call, which steals from their families, their sleep, and their stress recovery time. Traditionally physicians had provided this without recompense, but the inequity made it an irresistible target for David.

After an exhausting year as president of the SSPS (the roller on his new fax machine wore out in 6 months), his replacement declined to succeed him and David presided for a further year rather than see his dreams dashed. This unrelenting pursuit of a cause afflicted his health, his family, and his practice.

He joined the Air Force and served from 1974 to 1977. He was the flight surgeon at CFB Comox for 2 years, with 3 months each of pacifying the Golan Heights and

guarding Egypt for the UN. He was professionally knowledgeable in the history of the area.

Graduating from the University of Alberta in 1973 he completed his residency in otolaryngology head and neck surgery in Halifax (1980) and then became the first otolaryngologist in Campbell River, BC. In 1985 he moved to Victoria where he built up an extensive ENT pediatric practice; what child could not identify with this *enfant terrible*? Cycling to the office or hospitals daily kept him in fighting trim, and he also loved to ski. A brachial plexus neuritis forced him to retire from otolaryngology in 2002, but he stretched himself to spend some months working in Vanuatu, Victoria’s medical missionary clinic in the South Pacific.

With his former wife Janny, daughter Karin, sons Jason and Sean, and two half sisters, we all share the loss of a constructive iconoclast.

A memorial fund in pediatric surgery has been established at the Victoria Hospitals Foundation in the name of Dr David Doty.

—Michael A. Ross, MD  
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