

Benefits for British Columbia

- ✓ Better access to health care for rural and remote communities
- ✓ Paramedics work alongside other health care professionals without overlapping roles
- ✓ Fewer 911 calls and trips to emergency departments by CP clients
- ✓ Guiding clients to maneuver through healthcare system

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize with gratitude that this document was authored on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples - the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

Further, we are grateful to live, work and be in relationship with all Indigenous Peoples and Communities from across many ancestral and unceded territories, covering all regions of what is colonially known as British Columbia.



Community Paramedicine

“In situations where something urgent arises in the home, the CPs have the direct numbers of the physicians and community health nurses to report to and receive advice.”

–Health partner focus group participant

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How do I refer?

Patient referrals may be initiated by any primary care physician or local health care provider, by completing a Community Paramedicine Request for Patient-Specific Service form.

Please visit: <http://www.bcehs.ca/health-professionals/health-care-providers/community-paramedicine>

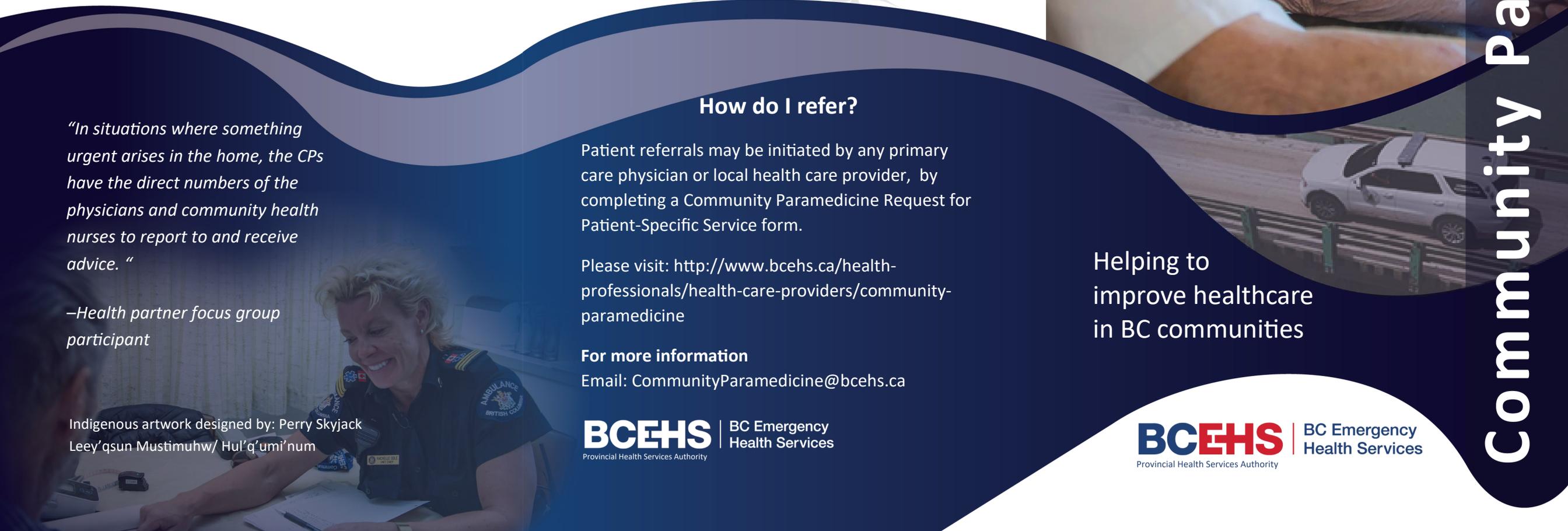
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What is Community Paramedicine?

Community paramedicine is a community-based model in which qualified paramedics provide primary care services within their scope of practice to increase access to basic health care services in non-urgent settings, in patients' homes or in the community, in partnership with local health care providers.

What is a Community Paramedic?

Community paramedics work within the existing competency framework of a Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) or Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP), with a focus on community outreach and awareness, health promotion that includes providing CPR and AED training sessions, the provision of primary as well as palliative care. Community paramedics typically use existing skills, but in a different non-emergency setting.

Regulatory changes have enabled CPs to also provide a range of services to older patients living with chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, heart failure and COPD, and provide frailty assessments to keep them safer in their homes.



Community Paramedicine Services

Community Paramedics provide the following services in their communities:

Wellness Clinics



- Vitals clinics (Blood pressure, blood glucose, and oxygen saturation monitoring)
- Immunization clinics (COVID and influenza)

Wellness Checks



- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Heart failure
- Diabetes
- Palliative conditions
- Frailty

Community Paramedicine Home Health Monitoring



- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Heart failure
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Co-morbidities
- Palliative conditions

Health Promotion



- Chronic disease education – heart failure, COPD, diabetes
- General health promotion – healthy lifestyles, healthy weights, dietary nutrition
- Life-saving education – CPR/AED, first aid, Naloxone training, car seat safety
- Presentations at schools and community groups
- Drug and alcohol awareness, how and when to call 911, hand washing/infection control

Community Outreach & Awareness



- Patient or grand rounds
- Council meetings
- Community fairs and parades
- Traditional indigenous gatherings & events
- Group exercise sessions

*These services are inclusive but not an exhaustive list of examples