

Wilson Centre Family Practice
1 – 2185 Wilson Avenue, Port Coquitlam, B.C. V3C 6C1

October 20, 2022

To all former patients of Dr. Stephen Barron,

It is with deep regret that we are informing you that the physician recruited to replace Dr. Barron will no longer be joining Wilson Centre Family Practice (WCFP). As a group we have only recently learned this news as of October 5, 2022. As such, at this time we need to advise that you begin the process to find care elsewhere. We know this is very distressing news, especially since most of you have waited very patiently for Dr. Barron's replacement to arrive. Please know that we are both dismayed and incredibly frustrated that this has happened.

Some ideas and information on how to secure care moving forward can be found at the bottom of this letter. However, the most important step is to register with the Fraser Northwest Attachment Hub *as soon as possible*. You can email them at attachmenthub@fnwdivision.ca or visit <https://divisionsbc.ca/fraser-northwest/finding-a-family-doctor>.

In the meantime, please be assured that for the next three months the other physicians at WCFP will continue to provide care for your acute needs, refills on medications, and necessary follow up for ongoing medical issues. If you need an appointment, please call the office at 604-942-7227. The staff have been instructed to book former patients of Dr. Barron with any on call physician or any physician who has spots available. We will work together as a team to ensure that you have care for the next three months while you search for a new family physician or nurse practitioner. However, as of February 1, 2023 you will need to find care elsewhere. In addition, any pending referrals to specialists arranged for you will still be booked and you will be advised of those details.

Please be aware that at this time, no other physician at the office has the capacity to take on Dr. Barron's patients. Please also note that your medical chart will remain with WCFP and you may request a transfer of records when you find care at another clinic.

Sincerely,

Drs. Brown, Cheong, Hildebrand, and Strong
On behalf of the physicians at WCFP

Options for patients needing care or needing a find new physician

Urgent and Primary Care Centre - Tri-Cities

Provides timely, non-emergency health care for patients in Tri-Cities and New Westminster by appointment only.

<https://www.fraserhealth.ca/Service-Directory/Service-At-Location/F/9/urgent-and-primary-care-centre---tri-cities#.Y0TtaOzMI-R>

475 Guildford Way
Port Moody, BC V3H 3W9
Phone 604-469-3123

Walk-In Clinics

There are multiple local walk-in clinics in our immediate area, including at Walmart in Fremont Village, Elicare medical clinic, Oxford Medical Clinic, Viva Care Medical Clinic, and All Care Walk-In Clinic.

MediMap

<https://medimap.ca/>

MediMap is a medical clinic directory where you can find healthcare providers near you and book an appointment online.

811

<https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/more/about-healthlink-bc/about-8-1-1>

A free-of-charge provincial health information and advice phone line available in BC. The 811 phone line is operated by HealthLink BC, which is part of the Ministry of Health. Translation services are available as well as services for deaf and hard of hearing patients.

Division Attachment Programs in Fraser Health

These programs assist unattached patients with finding care through an accepting family physician or nurse practitioner.

Fraser Northwest Division (Port Moody, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, New Westminster)
attachmenthub@fnwdivision.ca <https://divisionsbc.ca/fraser-northwest/finding-a-family-doctor>

Abbotsford Division

abbotsford@divisionsbc.ca
<https://divisionsbc.ca/abbotsford/find-doctor>

Burnaby Division

burnaby@divisionsbc.ca
<https://divisionsbc.ca/burnaby/for-patients/looking-for-a-doctor-in-burnaby>

Ridge Meadows Division (Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows)

rmadmin@divisionsbc.ca
<https://divisionsbc.ca/ridge-meadows/find-a-doctor>