

The 5th Contraception & Abortion in BC: Experience, Guiding Research, Guiding care

WHY: Equitable access to abortion care is a problem in BC, particularly for disadvantaged and rural populations. Rapid changes in regulations on the provision of abortion care and a new program improving access to contraception present important and timely opportunities to better meet the needs of British Columbians. At this exciting juncture BC Women's, in partnership with UBC's CART and others invite you to join health professionals, health administrators and health system leadership to prepare for key opportunities and identify challenges in family planning health services.

This meeting follows four successful BCW- CART meetings (2009, '11, '14 & '16) convening a wide range of provincial collaborators. We aim to examine BC-specific opportunities for provision of medical abortion and post-abortion contraception, to improve equitable access to high quality family planning health services in BC.

WHAT: A one-day meeting held at BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre.

Top speakers will convey the latest evidence, as well as BC-specific health system and health service changes, related to mifepristone access for medical abortion and to the new SMART post-abortion contraception program. Sessions will emphasize the opportunities and processes specific to BC and the understanding of your perspective and the challenges you face in your role.

Interactive audience-panel discussions will engage interdisciplinary invitees including key knowledge users, patient groups and health system leaders, administrators and a range of health professionals. Facilitated discussion will explore health system improvement options to ensure women of BC have equitable access to high quality family planning services.

WHO: This meeting will be valuable for urban and rural health professionals (physicians, NPs, nurses, midwives) working with those seeking abortion and family planning services, Perinatal Service leads from all Health Authorities, hospital and clinic women's health service administrators, Public health and community services related to family planning, and government leaders in Population and Public Health and Women's Health.

WHEN: Friday March 9th, 2018
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

WHERE: Shaughnessy Auditorium
BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre, Vancouver

