



Farewell to Tanya Ter Keurs, Nurse Practitioner



After 11 years of providing care to the residents of Princeton, Nurse Practitioner Tanya ter Keurs has announced that she will be transitioning to a new role. Tanya will no longer be providing patient care, but will continue to stay involved in supporting health care within Princeton and the South Okanagan Similkameen.

Tanya joined Cascade Medical Center as a Nurse Practitioner in 2009. She played a pivotal role in supporting health care in Princeton during the transition from turmoil to stability. During her time here she has sat on multiple committees, including the Health Care Steering Committee; she is an active member of the Divisions of Family Practice and started the Youth Clinic at Princeton Secondary School.

Tanya's last day of work will be November 13th, 2020. Tanya's patients have been reassigned to the other practitioners at the clinic and patients will be notified either by telephone or letter who their new provider will be. We want to thank Tanya for her years of dedicated service, excellent patient care as well her kindness and leadership. We wish her all the best on her future endeavours!

Cascade Medical Centre is still accepting new patients, please visit www.cascadeclinic.ca and download a copy of the Request for Attachment form on the homepage, or contact the clinic for more information at 250.295.4482.

Did You Know?

We understand a good fit with your family practitioner is optimal, until now due to a lack of practitioners we have not been able to accommodate changes. We now have a process in place to allow patients to switch providers - it is expected that changing practitioners means you remain with the same practitioner for a minimum of 1 year.

Requests for transfers of care are reviewed once annually in December of each year and you will be informed of your request in January.

A Transfer of Care form is available at the clinic's front desk or online at <https://www.cascadeclinic.ca/patient-info>. Please complete, sign and return prior to **December 15, 2020** to ensure you are considered in this year's transfers. Any forms submitted after the deadline will be considered for next year's transfer of care in December 2021.



Satellite Mobile COVID-19 Testing Clinic Launches in Princeton

November 4th marks the date the mobile COVID-19 testing clinic in Princeton will be open and operational. Clients will be referred to the testing clinic from their local GP, 8-1-1 or diverted from the PGH Emergency Department. Anyone exhibiting more severe symptoms will be referred to Princeton hospital for assessment based on the discretion of the Clinical Lead. Saline gargle tests will be available for school aged children.

The clinic will be open Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:30am – 12:30pm by appointment only. The Satellite clinic is located on the road behind Ridgewood Lodge, patients are encouraged to wear masks upon arrival and stop at the sign and wait for direction by the clinic greeter.

Patients can contact the centralized online booking line at 1-877-740-7747 to book their appointment or go online to www.interiorhealth.ca and click on “Book a COVID-19 test.”

Students for the Month of November

Starting in November, student **Joshua Yoneda** will be joining our GP's to learn about rural medicine during his rotation here in Princeton. Born and raised in Kamloops, Joshua has also spent time living in Saskatchewan and Scotland. His educational background includes a BSc in Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology from Thompson Rivers University and a Master's degree in Biology from the University of Regina. Joshua sees himself as a lifelong student and continues to learn from whatever life has to offer. He loves deep conversations, going to the gym, and playing spike ball with friends. Joshua looks forward to coming to Princeton and learning from the patients and GP's!

Please warmly welcome Joshua to Princeton.