

# Palliative Primary Care in Vancouver

The Vancouver Division is working to **understand and improve how palliative care is delivered locally** for both physicians and their patients and **how we can support our members in this area of practice**. To do this we explored our members experiences via online survey in October of 2023.

## Results

74

Unique respondents

85%

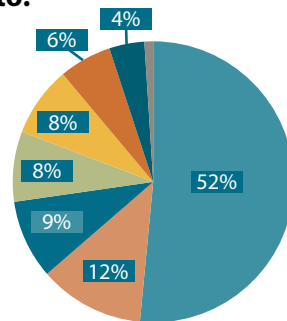
(63) have a community-based longitudinal family practice (LFP)

82%

(61) Family doctors who are providing palliative care either within or outside of an LFP

### Family Doctors are providing Palliative Care to:

- Patients in their Longitudinal Practice (LP)
- Patient in LTC from their LP
- Patient in hospice outside their LP
- Patients outside their LP
- Patients in hospital outside their LP
- Patient in LTC outside their LP
- Patients in hospital within their LP
- Patients in hospice within their LP



Over the last year, FPs provided Palliative care to:

57%

1-5 patients

13%

5-15 patients

25%

>15 patients

### Family doctors who aren't providing palliative care say is due to:



*They refer their patients to: Home Health, Palliative Care Clinic, Cancer agency, VCH/PHC Palliative teams, hospice, other specialists, PCB program or at times don't know where to refer*



### Theme

- Lack of **time**
- Lack of **resources**
- System **complexity**
- Lack of **skills**
- Remuneration**

## Next Steps



### Knowledge translation and communication

#### Fast Facts: "Palliative Care Corner"

- Offer brief Palliative Care Pearls
- Offer a Q&A section or "Ask an expert"
- Highlight resources and opportunities

#### Pathways

- We envision Pathways to be our online hub to collate and simplify all resources
- Engagement with partners



### Working group/Community of Practice

#### This group could work on:

- Mentorship
- Skill building/education
- Collaboration with partners
- Larger projects: ex: *patient attachment pilot*

