



# Women's Health

## Why Access Matters & Available Services for Vancouver PCNs

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# Land Acknowledgement



The Vancouver Division of Family Practice and our membership and partners acknowledge that the work we do occurs on the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Nations of Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish. We are very pleased that these host Nations who, each operate their own primary care centers, are our valued partners.



MUSQUEAM  
A LIVING CULTURE



Tsleil-Waututh Nation  
PEOPLE OF THE INLET



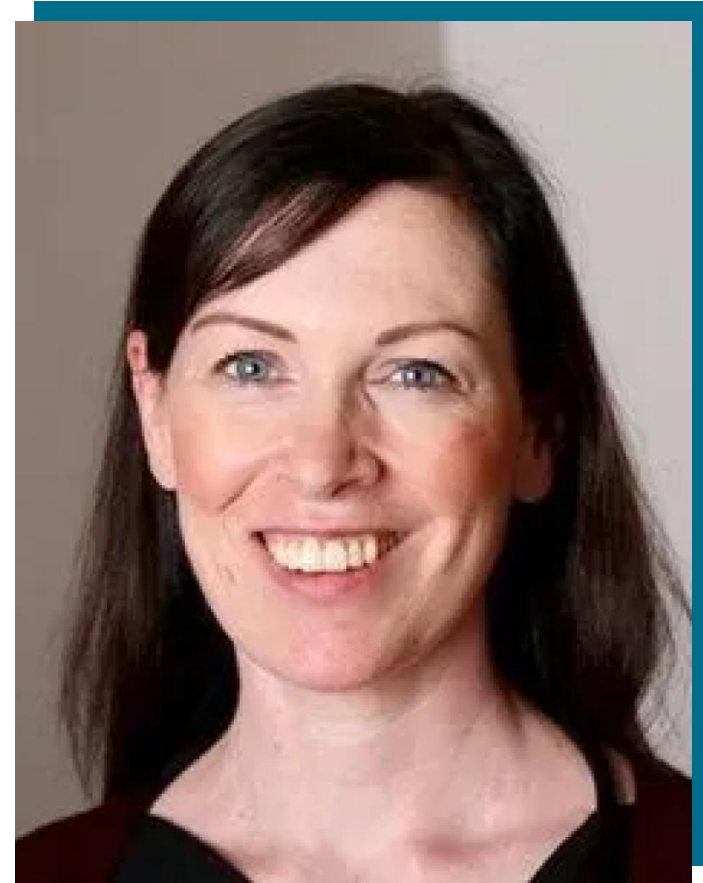
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Squamish Nation



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Event Host and Panel Moderator  
**Dr. Fiona Duncan**





- Connect/Network with PCN colleagues
- Understand what is available and how to access women's health care in Vancouver (& your PCN)
- Expand your knowledge of the history of access to women's health care in Canada and Vancouver

# Agenda



TIME	PROGRAM ITEM
6:00PM – 6:10PM	<b>Opening / Introduction</b> Dr. Fiona Duncan Physician Lead, Vancouver Division of Family Practice  Dr. Shelley Ross Federation of Medical Women of Canada
6:10PM – 6:30PM	<b>Keynote Address</b> Dr. Ramneek Dosanjh President (& United Nations Representative), Federation of Medical Women of Canada
6:30PM – 7:15PM	<b>Physician Panel</b> Moderator: Dr. Fiona Duncan  Panelists: Dr. Renee Hall, Medical Director, Willow Clinic Dr. Michelle Huget, Medical Director, CAYA Health Centre Dr. Heather Jenkins, Family Physician, Chaldecott Clinic (Past Medical Director, Elizabeth Bagshaw Clinic)
7:15PM – 7:30PM	<b>Break</b>
7:30PM – 8:20PM	<b>Table Conversations</b>
8:20PM – 8:30PM	<b>Wrap Up &amp; Close</b>



## Dr. Shelley Ross

Federation of Medical Women of Canada



## **Dr. Ramneek Dosanjh**

President & UN Representative  
Federation of Medical Women of  
Canada



# The Power of Us

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Leadership for Healthcare & Humanity

Dr. Ramneek Dosanjh

President, Federation of Medical Women of Canada







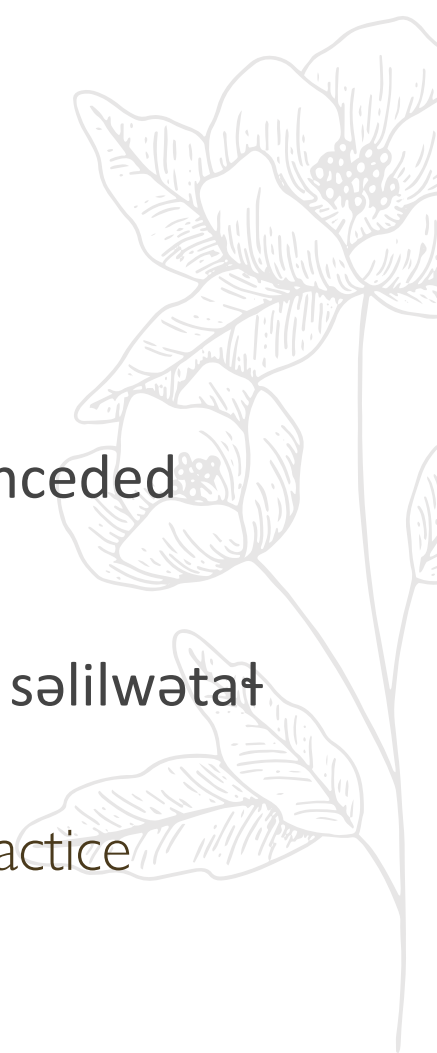
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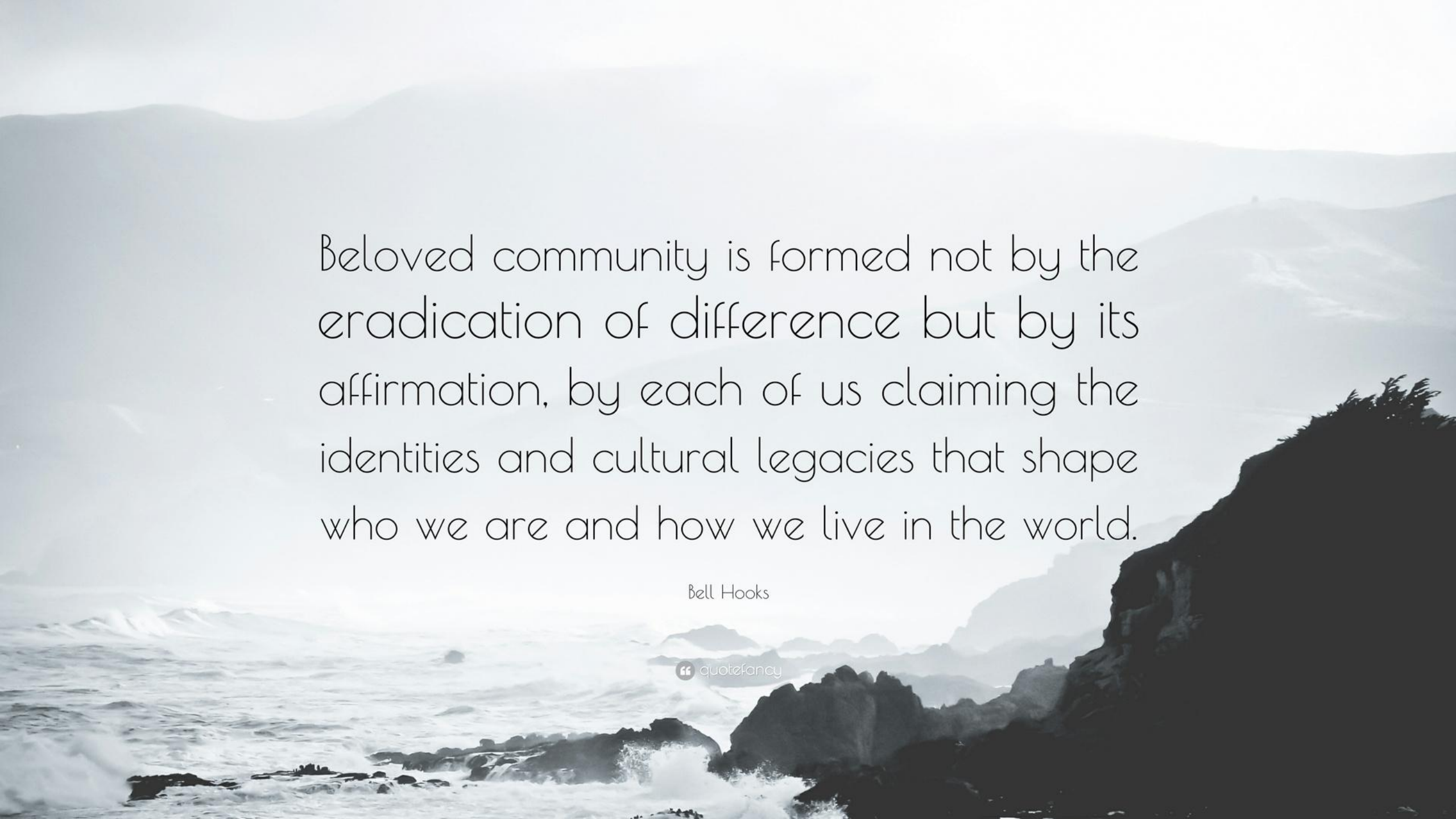


Honour to be speaking on the unceded  
traditional territories of the  
x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam),  
Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał  
(Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

Vancouver Divisions of Family Practice

Gratitude for all my colleagues





Beloved community is formed not by the eradication of difference but by its affirmation, by each of us claiming the identities and cultural legacies that shape who we are and how we live in the world.

Bell Hooks

“ quote fancy

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To know thyself is the  
beginning of wisdom.

Socrates

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# Who am I?



Settler. Child of Immigrants. First female physician in  
my ancestral lineage. Daughter. Sister. Mother.  
Patient. Doctor. Leader. Author. Advocate. Survivor.  
Intersectional Feminist. Human.



There is no such thing as a  
single-issue struggle because  
we do not live single issue  
lives.



-Audre Lorde

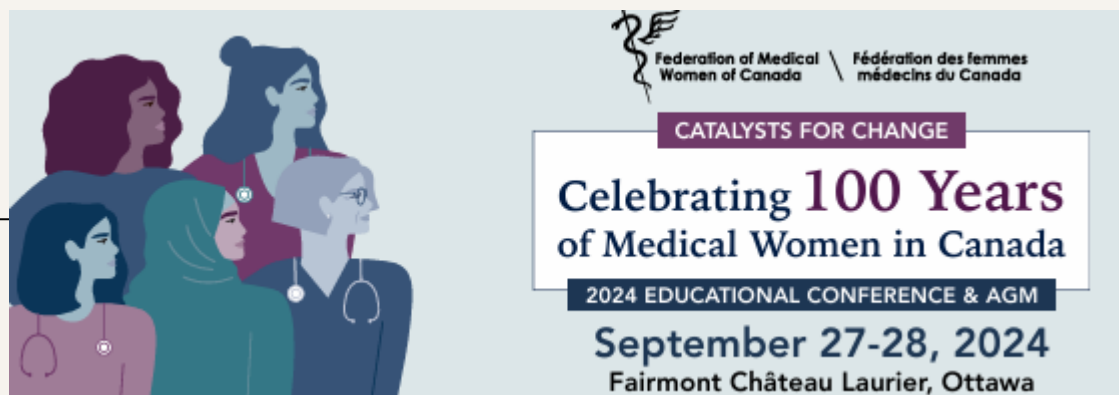




PRIVILEGE



# PIONEERING FOR CHANGE





“Whatever is currently happening to humanity, it is happening to all of us. No matter how hidden the cruelty, no matter how far off the screams of pain and terror, we live in one world. We are one people.”

*Alice Walker*





PAIN

“The story we tell  
becomes the world we  
live in.”





Know  
thyself....

Why are you?





PURPOSE

**You have to act as if  
it were possible to  
radically transform  
the world.  
And you  
have to  
do it  
all the  
time.**

**-Angela Davis**







POWER



“The most common way  
people give up their power  
is by thinking they don’t  
have any.”



Alice Walker



"But what can  
I do, I am  
just one  
person"  
said 7 billion  
people..





**Founded in 1924 by six pioneering women attending the CMA annual meeting, our founders recognized that they could serve both professionals and patients by forming the Federation of Medical Women of Canada. The six founding physicians were:**

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**Dr. Maude Abbott, Chair – 1869–1940**

Among Canada's earliest female medical graduates, an internationally known pathologist and researcher

**Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw – 1881–1982**

Medical advisor to Canada's first birth-control clinic.

**Dr. Elizabeth Embury – 1866–1945**

One of the first women to graduate in medicine in Canada

**Dr. Janet Hall**

Family doctor (Trinity, 1899)

**Dr. Helen MacMurchy – 1862–1953**

One of the few doctors working in a senior position in federal government

**Dr. Jane "Jennie" Smillie – 1878–1981**

The first female surgeon in Canada





**THIS IS THE POWER OF  
GATHERING: IT INSPIRES  
US, DELIGHTFULLY, TO  
BE MORE HOPEFUL,  
MORE JOYFUL, MORE  
THOUGHTFUL: IN A  
WORD, MORE ALIVE.**



# Thank you

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Please join us!

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**Moderator:** Dr. Fiona Duncan

## Panel Members:

- Dr. Renee Hall, Medical Director, Willow Clinic
- Dr. Michelle Huget, Medical Director, CAYA Health Centre
- Dr. Heather Jenkins, Family Physician, Chaldecott Clinic  
(Former Medical Director, Elizabeth Bagshaw Clinic)



## Let's take a 15 minute break

- Stretch your legs
- Have a bio-break
- Check out the info table
- Have some refreshment
- Say hi to a colleague







**Q1:** What has come up for you from the keynote and panel discussion/previous speakers?

**Q2:** Accessing care locally (PCN): what's your level of comfort in knowing what's available and how to access?

**Q3:** What work might the Division explore to advance access to women's healthcare?

# Please fill out our event evaluation



## Thank you for your feedback!