

**FETCH – Cowichan Valley**  
**(For Everything That’s Community Health)**  
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**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

**Health-Related Community Resource Directory**

The purpose of the *FETCH* Community Health website project is to provide medical practitioners, other health service providers, and the public with a source of reliable, regularly updated information about Cowichan Valley health related resources on a website. The project has created data standards in an effort to ensure listings are consistent with the objectives of this project because the phrase “community health” can mean different things to different people.

**Criteria – Types of Listings**

In order to be listed on *FETCH* the organization or provider must meet **one or more** of the following criteria:

1. Be a medical or healthcare provider recognized by the *BC Health Professions Act*. There are 26 regulated health professions in British Columbia, of which 25 are self-regulating professions governed by 22 regulatory colleges under the *Health Professions Act*. Common to these professions is licensure by a governing body and the requirement for continuing professional development and mechanisms for **Quality Assurance**, both of which protect the public by having the patient/client know that their practitioner is up to date.

The following professions are included in the Act :

- ✓ Chiropractic
- ✓ Dental Hygiene
- ✓ Dental Technology
- ✓ Dentistry
- ✓ Denturism
- ✓ Dietetics
- ✓ Emergency Medical Assistants
- ✓ Massage Therapy

- ✓ Medicine
- ✓ Midwifery
- ✓ Naturopathic Medicine
- ✓ Nursing (Licensed Practical)
- ✓ Nursing (Registered)
- ✓ Nursing (Registered Psychiatric)
- ✓ Occupational Therapy
- ✓ Opticianry
- ✓ Optometry
- ✓ Pharmacy
- ✓ Physical Therapy
- ✓ Podiatric Medicine
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ Speech and Hearing Health Professions
- ✓ Social Workers
- ✓ Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture

2. Participants must conduct their services within the *Cowichan Valley Regional District* or offer a service that does not exist within the *Cowichan Regional District* that is needed to support personal health.
3. Participants must be a registered not for profit organization offering services within the *Cowichan Valley Regional District*. For example, support services, sports, literacy, and education programs that promote healthy living.
4. Government agencies
5. First Nations agencies
6. Private business where healthcare or medical service professionals provide the service
7. Volunteer Organizations

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This directory is a compilation of existing community resources. **This is not a recommendation or endorsement by the *Cowichan Valley Division of Family Practice* or the physicians as members of the organization.**

The *Division of Family Practice* retains the right to decline submissions that do not meet the criteria or intent of this directory.