

HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING - #1

FACT SHEET #1: ABOUT THE SATURNA MEDICAL CLINIC

A. Services Offered:

- one day per week a General Practitioner (MD) - 4.5 hrs.
- one day per week a Nurse Practitioner (NP) - 4.5 hrs.
- twice monthly a counsellor and a home care nurse
- medical equipment loan cupboard
- referrals management
- co-ordination of a prescription pick-up service
- issuance of TAP travel passes to get to off-island tests or referrals
- hearing clinic.

B. Clinic Use: 900 appointments annually, plus occasional use by Saturna Island Rescue (the volunteer ambulance service).

C. Benefits Provided:

1. Reduces the number of trips off island for medical appointments, making island living easier for those having difficulty getting off island, including working people, young families and the elderly.
2. Contributes to the vitality and attractiveness of our community by providing services, island employment, and local control.

D. Clinic Management and Cost

The Saturna Medical Clinic has been managed and operated for many years by the Saturna Community Club, through its volunteer Health Services Committee.

With no resident medical practice on Saturna Island, the Island Health Authority (IHA) pays a day fee and travel costs to the MD, pays the Nurse Practitioner who comes from away, and provides drugs and some medical equipment to the clinic.

IHA also provides, through the Community Club, a part of the salary for a Medical Office Assistant (MOA) who is employed by the Community Club to assist the visiting practitioners, and a 4 hours per month salary for medical supply restocking labour.

The Community Club's total annual budget for clinic operations, including the total MOA livable wage salary for health practitioner days and restocking work, non-medical supplies, and cleaning and utilities has been about \$23,600 for the past couple of years.

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