

**Dear Victoria Division of Family Practice,**

The Precision Medicines and Genetic Services unit at the Ministry of Health is conducting a research initiative aimed at understanding the experiences and requirements of BC healthcare providers concerning pharmacogenomics education and awareness. This initiative is for information-gathering purposes and aims to ensure that, if needed, healthcare providers are well-equipped with the necessary knowledge to integrate pharmacogenomics into their clinical practice in a manner that prioritizes cultural safety.

To support this effort, we are conducting brief interviews to gather insights and feedback that will shape pharmacogenomics education. Your perspective would be invaluable in helping design educational resources tailored to the needs of healthcare professionals.

We are scheduling 15- or 30-minute interviews, during which we will discuss your thoughts and experiences (if any) with pharmacogenomics testing and explore how pharmacogenomics education can best support you in your practice.

Potential benefits of volunteer participation include:

- Contributing to the development of pharmacogenomics education and awareness in BC.
- Helping shape future training programs for healthcare providers.
- Enhancing your understanding of pharmacogenomics and its application in clinical practice.

**Background information:**

Pharmacogenomics is a critical field of research that examines how an individual's genetic makeup influences their response to medications. Pharmacogenomics testing can provide information that can help identify the drugs and doses that are most likely to work for an individual patient. In BC people can access pharmacogenomics tests by purchasing a test kit online. Public health care programs in BC do not pay for pharmacogenomics tests. However, many private health insurers do help cover the costs.

If you are interested in participating and/or should you have any questions or require further information, please contact [katey.townsend@gov.bc.ca](mailto:katey.townsend@gov.bc.ca) by **May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

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