

Supreme Court Showdown

For-profit clinics vs. Medicare

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

4:00-5:30pm

Room B112, Cornett Building
School of Public Health and Social Policy
University of Victoria

Please RSVP to info@bchealthcoalition.ca by Sunday, February 23, 2014

Parties in the case are calling it the most significant constitutional challenge in Canadian history. In 2009 Dr. Brian Day, owner of Vancouver's for-profit Cambie Surgery Centre and leading proponent of for-profit health care, launched a constitutional challenge that could erase the foundation of Canadian Medicare as we know it – a health care system based on need, not ability to pay. The challenge is set to go to trial next year, will likely end up in the Supreme Court of Canada, and may produce the defining Charter interpretation that will apply across the country.

The BC Health Coalition, Canadian Doctors for Medicare, two patients, and one physician joined together to gain intervener status in the case. The group believes that B.C. needs improvements that make public health care better for everyone, not the expansion of for-profit health care that benefits only a very wealthy elite. Come and hear from representatives and legal counsel for the intervener group about this critical threat to fair and equitable health care in Canada.

✎ **Adam Lynes-Ford** is the Medicare Campaigner with the BC Health Coalition. He coordinates the BC Health Coalition/Canadian Doctors for Medicare intervener group's participation in the constitutional challenge.

✎ **Dr. Ryan Herriot** is a board member of the Canadian Doctors for Medicare. He completed a B.Sc. at the University of Victoria in 2007, graduated medical school at University of Western Ontario in 2013, and is now pursuing further training as a family doctor at St. Paul's hospital in Vancouver. Dr. Herriot contributes opinion pieces to healthydebate.ca and helped to establish Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care, spearheading the creation of a chapter in Southwestern Ontario.

✎ Moderated by **Dr. Trevor Hancock**, Professor and Senior Scholar at the University of Victoria School of Public Health and Social Policy

