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**A Collaborative Approach to Expanding Medical
Education: Cabinet Presentation**

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THE NEW ERA COMMITMENT TO MEDICAL EDUCATION

- **The New Era commitment to expand medical education was bold and positive.**
- **Collaborative approach to medical education with UBC, UNBC and UVic is unique in Canada.**
- **For the last decade, a BC student has had only half the opportunity as other Canadian students to pursue studies in medicine.**





THE UBC MEDICAL PROGRAM

- **UBC has a national and international reputation for excellence in medical education.**
- **All students will receive a comparable, high quality program wherever they may study.**
- **The UBC medical program will be further enriched by the new Life Sciences Building and the expertise of UVic and UNBC.**
- **This collaborative approach provides a cost-effective solution that meets needs for all of BC.**





MEDICAL RESEARCH

- **Expansion of medical education will allow BC to greatly increase research funding.**
- **The Life Sciences Centre will be a focal point for bio-medical research in Canada.**
- **Faculty of Medicine currently receives about \$90 million annually in research funds - 85% of it from outside BC.**
- **The collaborative approach will have spin-off benefits for other health care programs and, ultimately, health care delivery in BC.**





ISLAND MEDICAL PROGRAM

- **The Island Medical Program will serve rural communities and small centres on Vancouver Island and throughout BC.**
- **UVic will contribute its particular expertise in areas including: Gerontology, Biomedical Research, Interdisciplinary Health Research and Practice.**
- **More than 20% of Victoria's current population is over 65; in some island communities, that figure exceeds 30%.**
- **On-line programs will allow programs at UNBC and UVic to take advantage of the established and wide-ranging expertise of the UBC Faculty of Medicine.**





INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION

- **New opportunities for interdisciplinary education for doctors, nurses and other health care professionals.**
- **UBC Life Sciences Centre will bring health professions together in one building.**
- **UVic and UNBC offer expertise in interdisciplinary education as well as a new environment for developing creative approaches to health teams.**
- **Graduates enriched by interdisciplinary education will work together more effectively in professional teams.**





NORTHERN MEDICAL PROGRAM

- **83% of BC's rural physicians are trained outside of BC.**
- **The Northern Medical Program meets all the requirements for a “northern solution” to a “northern problem”.**
- **Students in the NMP will receive the majority of their training at UNBC and in northern and rural communities.**





NORTHERN MEDICAL PROGRAM

- **Significant variables for physicians choosing rural practice:**
 - **Early exposure to a rural lifestyle, and**
 - **Education in a rural community.**
- **More aboriginal students will be able to study medicine and there will be more physicians from aboriginal backgrounds.**





A HEALTHY BC ECONOMY

- **The expansion of medical education will create thousands of new jobs in BC.**
- **The research from medical expansion will lead to new spin-off companies and associated businesses.**
- **This decision is an investment in longer and healthier lives that will attract global investment.**



TOWARD THE NEW ERA

- **We will deliver on this New Era commitment through:**
 - **Facilities that are on time and on budget;**
 - **A medical program recognized for excellence;**
 - **Innovative approaches to meeting health needs; and**
 - **New discoveries that improve the quality of our lives.**
- **We look forward to working together to realize all the benefits possible from this exciting opportunity to expand medical training and research.**

