

Supreme Court Showdown For-profit Clinics vs. Medicare

Wednesday, January 22, 2014
4:00–5:30 pm
Room 491, 2206 East Mall
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Please RSVP to reception@chspr.ubc.ca by Monday, January 13, 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 spring or fall 2014, 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 intervenor status in the case. The group believes that BC 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 intervenor 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 intervenor group's participation in the constitutional challenge.

>> **Alison Latimer** is an associate at Arvay Finlay and is one of the members of the legal team for the intervenors in the constitutional challenge. She has worked on cases with impacts on a broad range of constitutional issues including freedom of religion, freedom of expression, privacy rights, equality rights, and the rule of law.

>> Moderated by **Dr. Robert Woollard**, board member of Canadian Doctors for Medicare. Dr. Woollard completed two terms as Head of the Department of Family Practice, Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia.



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