



Community Update

July 14, 2020

Nelson ophthalmology – outreach clinics will start July 15

NELSON – Interior Health is pleased to confirm that outreach ophthalmology clinic services at Kootenay Lake Hospital will start on July 15, 2020.

Ophthalmologist Dr. Faye Pesenti and an ophthalmology technician will support these clinics. People who need to access ophthalmology care at Kootenay Lake Hospital can ask their family physician about a referral to Dr. Pesenti.

The two days of clinic services per week will include ophthalmology assessments and care.

The clinics were originally scheduled to start in April, but were delayed due to COVID-19 restrictions on outpatient services. The pandemic also impacted our ability to bring in the equipment required for the KLH clinic service.

Interior Health is committed to services that meet the needs of patients as close to home as possible and is investing more than \$100,000 in new equipment to support these outreach clinics and other eye services in Nelson

Your donation to the Kootenay Lake Hospital Foundation will help support the purchase of this equipment. For more information, visit their website at www.klhf.org. We appreciate the Foundation's ongoing support of services at the Nelson hospital.

Dr. Pesenti and fellow ophthalmologist Dr. Marius Scheepers will support cataract surgeries at Kootenay Lake Hospital and other ophthalmology services for the Kootenay Boundary patients. Interior Health will monitor and review ophthalmology services to ensure we are meeting the needs of patients in the region.

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