



# 60TH ANNIVERSARY QUIZ



## ANSWER SHEET

1. Which of these services are available at the Saskatoon Community Clinic either at the Downtown or Westside sites? (Check as many as you wish!)

### ANSWER:

Every service listed is provided to clients and members at either (or both) the Downtown and Westside Clinic. Our interdisciplinary teams – physicians, nurse practitioners, physiotherapists, outreach workers, dietitians, occupational therapists, registered nurses, pharmacists, mental health nurses, psychologists, social workers, laboratory and x-ray technicians and medical office assistants – provide a range of primary health care services and work together to find effective ways to enhance the health and quality of life of our patients and clients.

The Saskatoon Community Clinic is unique in offering such a large range of services under each roof of its two clinics. For example, there are not many medical clinics where a patient who might have transportation issues like a single parent or an older adult can see a nurse practitioner or a physician, get blood tests or x-rays and pick up their prescriptions from the pharmacy all in one trip.

2. Saskatoon Community Clinic is celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Who started the clinic in 1962?

### ANSWER:

**b) A group of Saskatoon residents**

The Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Act was passed on November 17, 1961 by the Tommy Douglas government. The government implemented the act on July 1, 1962 and the Saskatoon Community Clinic opened on July 3, 1962. These three dates are connected. Most doctors in the province went “on strike” on July 1, 1962. Tensions had been building since November. Doctors and their supporters claimed everything was wrong with the Act. The government and their supporters were simply fulfilling a campaign promise from a recent election win. This fight over Medicare split the province and caused turmoil and angst. Clinics such as Saskatoon’s sprang up almost daily during the three weeks of the strike. Concerned that they would lose their customers to these new community clinics, the doctors settled their ‘strike’ on July 23, 1962.

Today, many think of Medicare as Canada’s best social program and remember Tommy Douglas as a great Canadian. The Saskatoon Community Clinic is a fine example of high quality primary healthcare that happens when health disciplines work together to maintain/retain good health for people.



- 3. Saskatoon Community Clinic (Community Health Services Saskatoon) is a co-operative. Why did the founders choose to use this organizational model instead of making it a private business or not-for-profit community organization?**

**ANSWER:**

**d) all of the above**

These community clinics had to be planned quickly and quietly in the months between the passing of the Medicare Act in 1961 and its implementation on July 1, 1962. Farmer leaders, union leaders and community activists used the co-operative principles in their daily lives. Co-operative principles were:

- open & voluntary membership – anyone can join, no discrimination
- democratic membership control – each member has one vote
- concern for community and the knowledge that we, the members of this co-op and the users of its services, are the best ones to decide what services the co-op should provide and what the community needs are

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- 4. Co-operatives have members. Anyone can become a member of our community clinic. Why do people become members of this co-op?**

**ANSWER:**

**d) all of the above**

As a member-owned co-operative, we rely on our members to guide our development and support our activities. Clinic members and employees (who can also be members) show the clinic's support of our wider community by participating in events like Rock Your Roots, an annual event held demonstrating a commitment to Reconciliation, honouring Residential School Survivors and working towards an inclusive community; and the Pride Parade. Members can donate money to the Saskatoon Community Clinic Foundation, which has charitable status and issues tax-receipts. These donations enable the clinic to provide services or equipment that would not be supported through our funding agreement with the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

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- 5. Why does the Clinic have a Member Relations Director?**

**ANSWER:**

**d) all of the above**

Member Relations are very important to co-operatives to ensure the health and well-being of the organization and for the board of directors to understand the concerns and suggestions of the membership. Any organization must continually change to keep up with changes in the broader community. Member Relations not only keeps abreast of what members/patients/clients are requesting or their concerns, but works to solve issues to keep the clinic running smoothly for the benefit of the members.

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**Anyone can join our community clinic. You can become a member TODAY! 😊**

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