

## Medical Options at Big White

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

### Local (on Mountain)

**Whitefoot Clinic** operates a general practice medical clinic at the Whitefoot Lodge from 3-6PM daily. Dr. Figurski is also available for house calls and after hours emergencies at 765-0544. Dr. Figurski has 21 years of experience in Sports Medicine, and has been the only physician practicing at Big White for 12 years. He also has extensive experience in Emergency Medicine, Anesthesia, and is has qualified for practice in Canada and the United States. Clinic services include on-site prescriptions, braces, and physical therapy. Clinic visits (including after hours) are free with a valid Canadian Health Card (medications not included), and \$75 for others. House calls and emergency call outs are \$200.

**“Ski Doc” Program** is a volunteer program of area physicians who are available on weekends and school holidays. They are available for consult at the Ski Patrol Hut (Mountain Medical Society Building) and most have considerable experience in Emergency and Acute care medicine.

### Kelowna

There are a number of **Private Medical Clinics** available in Kelowna. Some are available for walk-in and weekend appointments. Kelowna is one hour away by car.

**Kelowna General Hospital (KGH)** is a full service Tertiary Care hospital approximately 80 minutes away by car. True Medical Emergencies will be seen immediately, but less urgent cases can expect to wait for up to several hours.

### Transport and Travel Options From Big White

- **BC Ambulance Service** operates a service from Big White to Kelowna Hospital 24/7 from Big White during the ski season. Service is approximately \$84 for Canadians with valid Health Care, and \$530 for non-Canadians and work-related injuries. Unless seen by a physician on the Mountain, the ambulance is only able to transport to KGH.
- Ambulance Service can be arranged to US hospitals and for border transfer directly from Big White if the patient has been seen by a BC physician (i.e. Dr. Figurski or a “Ski Doc”).
- For non-urgent transportation seen by the **Whitefoot Clinic**, Dr. Figurski can provide transportation to anywhere in BC (except KGH) **with physician in attendance**. Transportation is provided free of charge by the clinic and costs for physician attendance is \$200/h during transport only (i.e. cost to the US border at Abbotsford/Sumas approx. \$1000). Dr. Figurski has logged over for over one million miles of patient transport as a flight physician (including critically ill).
- **Kelowna Cabs** (6-2789 Highway 97 N. Kelowna, BC V1X 4J8 [\(250\) 762-4444](tel:2507624444)) can provide transportation to KGH or other destinations.