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Will U.K.-style changes to B.C.'s health care system benefit patients or corporations?

British radiologist Jacky Davis and B.C. political commentator Will McMartin to speak at free public forums in Vancouver and Kamloops

Is British Columbia's health care system financially sustainable? Is our provincial government's plan to adopt a U.K.-style approach to funding health services a solution or a disaster waiting to happen? These are some of the questions that will be addressed next week at two public health care forums.

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 – Kamloops

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thompson Rivers University Alumni Theatre, Clock Tower Building

Thursday, May 17, 2007 – Vancouver

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive, Auditorium 2

The B.C. government's plan to introduce a system of "patient-focused" funding for hospitals – modeled on changes to hospital funding in the U.K. – will be brought into perspective by Dr. Jacky Davis, a consulting radiologist working in Britain's National Health Service (NHS).

Davis will offer first-hand accounts on the impact this style of competitive funding has had on public hospitals, waitlists and patient care in the United Kingdom. You can also read her guest column in the new issue of HEU's news magazine *The Guardian*.

Well-known political commentator and *Tyee* contributor Will McMartin will also be on hand to break down the provincial government's claim that our health care system is financially unsustainable.

For more information, call the BC Health Coalition at 604-681-7945.

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