



[Medical Staff Town Hall | June 1st](#)

- Please join us for the upcoming virtual Medical Staff Town Hall on Wednesday, June 1st from 7:30-8:20am. To help ensure that the town hall focuses on items most relevant to your practice we invite you to submit suggested topics in advance to MedStaffCommunications@islandhealth.ca.

[Monkeypox Information for Health Professionals](#)

The BC Centre for Disease Control has added a new page with information for health care providers on Monkeypox.

COVID-19 Updates:

- [Adult Surgical Procedure and Infection Prevention and Control Documents Updated](#)
These 3 BCCDC Guidance documents were updated based on lessons learned and emerging evidence to allow for the real-time application of the surgical protocol in dealing with the pandemic. Emphasis should be placed on institutional knowledge, experience and clinical decision-making.

BC Covid-19 Data:

- [Data on COVID-19 numbers for BC, Vancouver Island and other health regions](#)
 - [PHO/MHO News Release](#)
 - [BCCDC COVID-19 Canadian and Global Epidemiology](#)
 - [Island Health COVID-19 outbreak updates](#)
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COVID-19 Immunization Updates:

- [Update to Communicable Disease Control Manual, Chapter 2: Immunization, Part 4 – Biological Products](#)

BCCDC Guidance Manual updated for COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility: Appendix A was revised per the updated list of moderately to severely immunocompromised criteria on the government of B.C. webpage. The criteria previously indicated dates and has been revised to indicate time intervals.

COVID-19 Therapeutics Updates:

- [Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory Therapy in Adult Patients with COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Therapies - tixagevimab/cilgavimab \(EVUSHELD™\) Guidance Documents](#)

This updated BCCDC guidance document addresses key therapeutic areas of concern for clinicians with recommendations sorted by severity of patient illness.

BCCDC guidance documents on tixagevimab/cilgavimab (Evusheld™), a long-acting monoclonal antibody, for prevention of COVID-19 in individuals who are expected to have a reduced response to vaccination or who cannot receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Spotlight:



- [BC College of Family Physicians Award Recipients](#)

Congratulations to the Island Health region family physicians Drs. Ferg, Jackson, Verma and Chang who picked up awards for their leadership, creativity, community engagement and unwavering support for patients and colleagues.

- [Rural Health Conference 2022: Above and Beyond Recognition Recipient](#)

Each year at the conference, the Rural Coordination Center of BC (RCCbc) recognizes the phenomenal work of BC's rural physicians and communities. At this year's conference, Dr. Francois Bosman received recognition for going Above & Beyond. The Above and Beyond recognition is for a rural physician's exceptional rural BC service and contributions in supporting rural health care. Congratulations Dr. Bosman!

- [Congrats to physicians completing IHI Improvement Advisor training](#)

Congratulations to Island Health physicians Dr. Alex Hoechsmann and Dr. Dana Hubler for completing the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) *Improvement Advisor* Professional Development Program.

- [Clinical Governance Current State: What We Found](#)

In December and January, Island Health engaged staff and medical staff in

current state analysis – through an online survey, focus group sessions, workshops and interviews – and they gathered some great feedback. Thank you to everyone who participated!



- [Ladysmith physician cares for patients in war-torn Ukraine](#)

Dr. John Potts has been supporting Team Cowichan for years, but recently the semi-retired Ladysmith physician traveled to Ukraine to offer medical care and compassion to people in the war-torn country.

Newsletters:

- [Long-TermCare Newsletter - May 2022](#)

IHealth News:

- [Gorge Road Hospital LTC Successfully Goes Live with IHealth](#)

When Gorge Road Hospital (GRH) Long-Term Care went live with both electronic clinical documentation (ClinDoc) and computerized provider order entry (CPOE) simultaneously, they used a peer mentorship model that site leaders say was key to their success. For more information on IHealth please visit the [IHealth website](#).

Upcoming Events and Education:

- [Physicians Psychological Safety Webinar](#)

Please join Dr. Mamta Gautam, MD, MBA, FRCPC, CPDC, CCPE, CPE psychiatrist at The Ottawa Hospital, in a series of five CME accredited virtual psychological safety webinars aimed at promoting psychological safety in health care teams.

- [Five Days in May: Day 5 Schedule of Events | May 31](#)

Every Tuesday this May, join us to learn about how health research is driving innovation and improvement in BC!

- [Medicine Grand Rounds - Planetary Health | Friday May 27, 08:00-09:00](#)

Join Blair McFarland and Deana Verkerk on a discussion of Climate Action at

Island Health. From Organizational Pillars of Sustainability to Practical Adaptations. Friday May 27, 2022.

- [Rural Rounds: Climate Change as a Health Care Crisis | Thursday May 26, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [FAST Evidence Workshop | Friday May 27, 08:30-13:00](#)
- [15th Annual Practice Survival Skills Conference | Saturday May 28, 09:00-14:30](#)
- [Upcoming Cognitive Behavioural Therapy \(CBT\) Physician Wellness Group Training Courses | May 31 - June 7](#)
- [Bullying in Healthcare | Tuesday May 31, 17:30-18:30](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday June 1, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Not Just a Prescription Pad: A Multimodal Approach to Chronic Non-Cancer Pain Management, Part 1 | Monday June 6, 18:30-20:15](#)
- [Infection Rounds | Wednesday June 8, 12:00-13:00](#)

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