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- [Emergency Medicine Physicians wanted for Port Alberni, Vancouver Island](#)
West Coast General Hospital is urgently seeking Emergency Physicians and/or Family Practice Physicians with qualifications/experience/interest in rural emergency medicine to fill Emergency Medicine shifts.
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Influenza Vaccine 2022:



- [Influenza Vaccine Available October 2022](#)

In BC, influenza vaccines are available in October. For best protection, get vaccinated as soon as possible. Click the link to find information on what types of influenza vaccines are available in BC in fall 2022.

- [Vaccines save lives: stay up to date with immunizations for all ages](#)

In recognition of National Immunization Awareness Month this past August, Island Health highlighted the importance of immunizations for children, youth and adults.

Toxic Drug Crisis:

- [A community of care: Dr. Roger Walmsley on the importance of connecting with vulnerable clients](#)

An important story about the drug-poisoning crisis in relation to Nanaimo's most vulnerable populations and what Dr. Walmsley and his Primary Care Outreach (PCO) program team members are doing to help combat this issue.

- [Condolences are not enough](#)

August 31st was International Overdose Awareness Day; a time to pause and remember those lost to illicit drug toxicity. Island Health extends sincere condolences to all who have lost a loved one, a family member, a friend, or a member of our community – but condolences are not enough.

- [In the News - Rapid Access Addictions Clinic](#)

The Pembroke Street clinic helps people to safely withdraw from opioids, prescribing medications like suboxone and methadone to reduce cravings, says addiction medicine specialist Dr. Caroline Ferris.

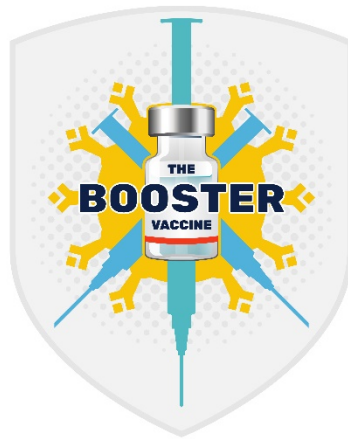
- [Overdose Awareness at NRGH](#)

Outside the front doors of NRGH, in recognition of Overdose Awareness Day, a table was set up that provided information about the current drug poisoning crisis, take home naloxone and training, as well as other overdose prevention resources.

Spotlight:

- [Medical Staff can now contact the Island Health Service Desk for login issues with Cactus, AppCentral or Committee Manager](#)
If the Service Desk is unable to resolve your issue, they will escalate it to the Island Health Cactus team for resolution during business hours.
- [Recognize World Sepsis Day on September 13 with the Sepsis Photo Challenge](#)
September 13th marked World Sepsis Day. Each year, 30,000 Canadians are hospitalized due to sepsis. More than 30% will die. At Island Health this amounts to over 1,000 patient admissions annually.
- In recognition of Sepsis Awareness Month, the Sepsis Quality Improvement Initiative team is launching [The Return of the Great Island Health Sepsis Challenge](#), this short online quiz will test your knowledge of sepsis – a life threatening organ dysfunction caused by the body’s response to an infection.
- [Infection Prevention and Control \(IPAC\) becomes a seven-day program](#)
The IPAC Team is excited to announce that as of September 9, 2022, they transitioned to a seven-day-a-week program. In addition to the support of the regular on-call Medical Microbiologist, two to three Infection Control Physicians will be scheduled to work each weekend.
- Doctors of BC is conducting its 7th annual **Health Authority Engagement Survey**. This annual survey seeks input from physicians on levels of engagement and interactions with Island Health. We encourage you to participate and share your feedback. The invitation email will be sent from the following address: surveys@doctorsofbc.ca. The email invitation subject line reads: **Doctors of BC Health Authority Engagement Survey 2022**. The survey is open until Wednesday, October 12.

COVID-19 Updates:



- [Fall COVID-19 Vaccination Boosters Update](#)
Island Health's public health teams and community pharmacies are preparing to offer COVID-19 booster shots to everyone aged 5 and older this fall. Health care workers are a priority population for the fall vaccine rollout. For additional information see Dr. Bonnie Henry's presentation [Government of British Columbia's press release](#) and the [Provincial Health Officer Fall Booster Campaign Briefing September 6, 2022](#).
- **Updated: COVID-19 Outbreak Management Protocols:**
 - [Acute Care Settings](#)
 - [Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living Settings](#)

- [Updated: Infection prevention and control guidance for Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living Settings](#)
This BCCDC guidance document provides updates on infection prevention and exposure control measures.
- [Updated: Antimicrobial and Immunomodulatory Therapy in Adult Patients with COVID-19](#)
This BCCDC guidance document provides updates such as key therapeutic areas of concern for clinicians with recommendations sorted by severity of patient illness.
- [Updated: Therapy in Adult Pregnant Patients with COVID 19](#)
Under the Severely Ill section – Baricitinib information has been added to the immunomodulatory therapy section. Under the Mildly Ill section – Monoclonal antibodies replace Sotrovimab.
- [Updated: Clinical Guidance on COVID- 19 Vaccines for Solid Organ Transplant Recipients](#)
Updates include the eligibility for anyone in British Columbia 6 months and older to receive COVID-19 immunization, and information regarding second and third boosters (4th or 5th doses) and interval periods between doses.

IHealth News:

- [Benefits of Long Term Care Cerner Electronic Health Record Use: Transitions of Care](#)

Island Health long term care (LTC) sites continue to implement the Cerner Electronic Health Record (EHR) with advanced functionality - clinical documentation and computerized provider order entry (CPOE) with an electronic medication administration record (MAR).

Upcoming Events and Education Opportunities:

- [Investigator Training Program 2022 opens for registration](#)
Clinical Trials BC and Pfizer are partnering to bring a clinical trial investigator training course to British Columbia this November 2, 2022. Registration is now open.
- [Become a Disclosure Champion!](#)
If you are a medical leader please enroll in the Saegis Communicating Unexpected Outcomes (CUO) Train-the-Trainer program and become a facilitator this Fall 2022.
- [You're invited to Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island AGM](#)
Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island's 2021/22 Annual General Meeting takes place online for families, healthcare professionals, and donors throughout the islands. Everyone is welcome.

- [September Seniors Care Learning Series: The History and Impact of Indian Residential Schools and Intergenerational Trauma | Tuesday September 27, 12:00-12:45](#)
In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day (September 30) Island Health is honoured to welcome presenter Jeremy Jones, Resolution Health Support Worker/LGBTQS+ Liaison, Indian Residential School Survivor Society (IRSSS).
- [Wellness Webinars for September](#)
- [FPON Webinar: Understanding Mental Health in Our Patients with Cancer | Thursday September 15, 08:00-09:00](#)
- [“Peripheral Artery Disease” Cardiology Grand Rounds - Dr. Darryl Wan | Thursday September 15, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [BC-PIP Orientation Conference Fall 2022 | Friday September 16, 08:00-17:00](#)
- [CME on the Run! 2022-2023 | Friday September 16, 13:00-17:00](#)
- [Allergy & Clinical Immunology Update 2022 | Saturday September 17, 08:20-16:40](#)
- [“Bibliotherapy: The review, organization and dissemination of recommended reading for psychiatry patients” Dr. Martina Scholtens Psychiatry Grand Rounds | Tuesday September 20, 12:00-13:00](#)
- [Pacific Psychopharmacology Conference 2022 | Thursday September 22 - Friday September 23, 07:30-15:30](#)
- [20th Annual St. Paul's Emergency Medicine Update | Thursday September 22 - Sunday September 25, 12:10 - T.B.D](#)
- [Partners in Care: Bolstering Patient Care and Return to Work Through a WorkSafeBC/Physician Collaboration](#)
- [“Learning to be a Knowledge Carrier: Psychiatry with the Indigenous” Dr. Marily Thorpe Psychiatry Grand Rounds | Tuesday September 27, 12:00-13:00](#)

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 - [Reaching out to Colleagues in Distress | Tuesday September 27, 17:30-18:30](#)
 - [Rural POCUS Rounds: Fast Pipes \(IVC & Aorta\) Ultrasound | Friday September 30, 12:00-13:00](#)
 - [“Resuscitative Thoracotomy” Dr. Dennis Kim Trauma Rounds | Tuesday October 4, 12:00-13:00](#)
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All upcoming events found on the calendar of events page

[Calendar of Events page](#)

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Newsletters:

- [Primary Care Update | September 7](#)
The latest guidance on the COVID-19 bivalent Moderna booster, the 2022/23 Influenza vaccination campaign, total COVID-19 vaccines administered to date data, BCCDC resource.
 - [New Patient Safety Learning Summary--Pain Management in Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea \(OSA\)](#)
The most recent addition to the growing Learning Summaries library is focused on Pain Management in Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), as well as access to CPAP machines in acute care settings.
 - [Long-term Care Between the Lines Newsletter Extra Edition - August, 2022](#)
Some of the topics covered in this newsletter include: Accreditation, Performing a Falls Risk Assessment, and Communicating a Fall Risk.
 - [MHSU Update - August 2022](#)
August highlights include: Ryan Hill Supportive Housing Expansion, Sprint Team Updates, Mental Health Act– Admission Forms Package, Clinical Practice Supports Training Opportunities and Accreditation.
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The next email bulletin will occur **October 12th.** The [medical staff website](#) is updated

Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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