



## Public Health:



- [Ebola Preparedness](#)  
On September 20, 2022, an Ebola outbreak was declared in Uganda. The risk for

Ebola Virus Disease in BC and within Island Health is very low. As a precaution, the province has asked all BC health authorities to ensure we are prepared should we be presented with a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for Ebola infection.



- [Winter is coming! \(Actually, it's influenza season\)](#)  
Dr. Mike Benusic, Medical Health Officer, expects a rise in influenza cases in November and encourages people to book appointments to receive the influenza vaccine in the coming weeks.
- [Clinical Practice Guide for the Use of Therapeutics in Mild-Moderate COVID-19](#)  
The BC COVID Therapeutics Committee has updated their therapeutics guide.
- [Update to COVID-19 testing guidance and PCR tests for health care workers](#)  
The BCCDC COVID-19 testing guidance document has been updated: PCR testing is no longer recommended for all symptomatic health-care workers, first

responders and staff and residents in congregate settings unless they meet other criteria for testing. Testing continues to be recommended for people when a positive or negative result will help inform their care and treatment.

- [COVID-19 Health Care Provider Information](#)

This BCCDC COVID-19 Therapeutics Pathway is available for clinicians to help their patients appropriately navigate through the current available resources.

## Spotlight:



- **Have you changed your preferred email in the last 4 years?**

The Credentialing and Privileging team is currently preparing for the 2023 reapplication process. To ensure you receive vital information such as an individualized link for completing your reappointment application, the Credentialing and Privileging team requires your most current preferred email.

- If you have changed your preferred email, within the last 4 years, please email the Credentialing and Privileging team at [MA\\_Reappointments@islandhealth.ca](mailto:MA_Reappointments@islandhealth.ca) with your full legal name (on your college licence) and the email you wish for Island Health to use.
  - More information regarding how to complete the reappointment process and key dates will be coming in the upcoming months.
- [Choosing Wisely at Island Health – “Seroquel isn’t for sleep”](#)

As Island Health aims to achieve QI Status with Choosing Wisely Canada, reducing antipsychotic prescribing in seniors with dementia in acute care is recognized as an improvement area.
- [Collaboration drives improvements to Clinical Governance](#)

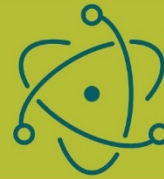
After extensive engagement, Island Health is now ready to begin planning the implementation of 15 recommendations that will help us make better decisions more quickly for the benefit of staff, medical staff, patients, residents and families.
- [Good Call Action Series](#)

Have you ever wanted to improve the "on-call" experience? You can! Join the Good Call Action Series January-May 2023 with 3-7 interdisciplinary team members who are involved in making and receiving calls. Up to 6 hours of sessional payments available for physicians completing activities outside of clinical hours
- [New Quality Improvement Projects](#)

View the latest QI FOR YOU AND I report to find out more about the exciting quality improvement projects that teams are undertaking across the Island.
- [Happy Nurse Practitioner Week 2022!](#)

This week, November 13 – 19, Island Health recognizes and celebrates Nurse Practitioners and the vital role they play in the health care system.

## EHR News:



- [Provider Survey on release of Clinical Notes | MyHealth patient portal](#)

The MyHealth team invites all medical staff to participate in this survey, regardless of whether they have created documents to release to MyHealth. The purpose of the survey is to better understand the adoption of publishing clinical notes to MyHealth patient portal, specifically what the benefits and barriers are to its use. The online survey is accessible through Island Health's Checkbox Survey until November 28, 2022. All responses are anonymous.

- Survey: <https://surveys.viha.ca/surveys/MyHealthClinDocProvider>
- Note: Select provider-authored clinical documentation has been available for release to Island Health's MyHealth patient portal since April 26, 2022. [Click here for more information about the MyHealth Patient Portal.](#)

- [CDH staff, patients seeing benefits from change to electronic clinical documentation](#)

Dr. Graham Blackburn, CDH Site Medical Director and others share their experiences with electronic clinical documentation.

## Upcoming Events and Education Opportunities:





- [Medical Staff Town Hall | December 14 7:30-8:30 am](#)  
Dr. Ben Williams, Vice President Medicine, Quality, Research and Chief Medical Health Officer, invites you to attend the medical staff town hall. The Medical Staff Town Hall is open to all members of the medical staff.
- [Knowledge-to-Action November \(10th Anniversary Edition!\) - Register today](#)  
2022 is Island Health's 10th annual Knowledge-to-Action Month! Join Island Health for an exciting lineup of online Zoom events including. [Click here for a full listing of events.](#)
  - [Choose Wisely with Knowledge to Action on November 18 - Seroquel isn't for sleep](#)
  - [Choosing Wisely : Climate Conscious Quality Improvement in Action | Friday November 18, 07:30-08:30](#)
  - [Leading change in the health system: How to make it stick | Tuesday November 22, 11:00-12:00](#)
  - [We Needed One, and then COVID Happened: Managed Alcohol Programs | Thursday November 24, 10:00-11:00](#)
  - [10th Annual Knowledge-to-Action Presentations and Awards Ceremony | Friday November 25, 12:00-13:30](#)

- [Pharmacotherapy Grand Rounds Series: The Opioid Crisis - BC Public Health Emergency](#)  
Join Island Health's Pharmacy Team as they talk about B.C.'s ongoing health emergency, the Opioid Crisis.
- [Bibliotherapy: The review, organization and dissemination of recommended reading for psychiatry patients](#)  
Objectives include: Reviewing the evidence and clinical guidelines, review existing recommended reading lists and learning about resources available.
- [Physician Psychological Safety 2022 Webinar Series: Giving and Receiving Effective Feedback](#)  
The 4th video in the Physician Psychological Safety series covers the topic giving and receiving feedback. This can include being open-minded, challenging ideas - not people and much more.
- [New Island Health Course Teaches Practical Skills to Navigate Difficult Conversations](#)  
The new Essential Conversations course gives health care clinicians the skills and confidence to have challenging conversations using patient-centered and trauma-informed approaches.
- [Achieving Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion | Tuesday November 22, 17:30-18:](#)
- [Trauma Rounds | Tuesday December 6, 12:00-13:00](#)

**If you wish to add a Calendar Event to your personal Outlook Calendar, click this button at the top of the calendar pop-up**



All upcoming events found on the

[Calendar of Events page](#)

## Newsletters:



- [Fall Currents is Online](#)
- [MHSU Update - October 2022](#)
- [CME Offerings November 2022](#)
- [Primary Care Update | November 2](#)

The next email bulletin will occur **December 14th**. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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