

• Positive Patient Identification

A message from Dr. Ben Williams, VP Medicine and Dr Will Orrom, EMD Surgery and Ambulatory Care highlighting the need for medical staff to ensure that positive patient ID occurs at every patient encounter. Making sure you have the correct patient by ensuring positive patient identification is a critical and often final safeguard to make sure that patients receive the correct procedure, medication or other intervention. Nobody wants to be the medical staff member who did a procedure or ordered a medication on the wrong patient.



• Are you are a physician practicing in a rural community? The Annual Rural Physician Confirmation is now open

If you are a physician practicing within a designated Rural Practice Subsidiary Agreement Community in Island Health, please complete this survey by January 9, 2023, to ensure that there is no disruption to receiving your rural benefits. The information collected in this Annual Rural Physician Confirmation survey is used to determine community isolation points and eligibility for all Rural Programs. Community isolation points and eligibility for all Rural Programs.

Public Health:





• Get your influenza vaccine! Reminder to self-report

All Island Health staff and medical staff are required to self-report whether they received their influenza vaccine. Walk-in opportunities are still available in Public Health Clinics in Cumberland and Duncan but only until Dec 17th and Dec 18th respectively.

 <u>Provincial health officer's statement</u> on influenza-related deaths in children and youth.

• Making the move to mpox

Island Health is now referring to "mpox" instead of "monkeypox." This change follows a recent announcement from the World Health Organization (WHO), which recommends using the new and preferred term "mpox" following consultations with global experts.

Spotlight:





- San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety training Medical Staff
 Where are you on the Journey of Cultural Safety? Various learning opportunities are available to medical staff.
- In Plain Sight Two Years On

As the second anniversary of the release of In Plain Sight approaches, Island Health is reminded of the continued commitment and work required by the whole organization to address racism in their healthcare system, and the tremendous efforts that have been made to date. Read about the <u>government's steps to address</u> Indigenous-specific racism in B.C.'s health-care system.

• Violence Prevention online training

A new accredited Provincial Violence Prevention Curriculum for Physicians is now available online using the provincial Learning Hub. Once you have completed the module, please feel free to share your feedback to help improve violence prevention training in B.C. via this link to SWITCH BC, a new organization focused on the health, safety, and well-being of everyone working in healthcare in B.C.

- Memory clinic team supports those living with memory loss
 - A Victoria primary care memory clinic team is supporting patients and families concerned about memory loss. The service is one of two primary care memory clinics established last year in Island Health.
- New dementia, long-term care facility coming to Comox
 Province announces a new, 156-bed, state-of-the-art long-term care and dementia care facility is coming to Comox.

• <u>Choosing Wisely: Recruitment for Site-based Champions</u>

The Oversight Committee is looking for site-based champions to share the Choosing Wisely messaging, promote knowledge to action, and contribute to the success of these important project in the emergency department and in-patient settings at all sites across the Island.

EHR News:



 Provincial Virtual Care Evaluation Surveys for Healthcare Professionals and Patients

Do you use BC Virtual Visit or Zoom for Healthcare to connect with your patients or clients? If so, Island Health wants to hear from you!

Community Virtual Care Program Survey
 Please complete this short survey to help improve the Community Virtual
 Care Program (formerly Home Health Monitoring).

Upcoming Events and Education Opportunities:



- Indigenous Cultural Safety Webinar Series: Session 1 of 5
 The Joint Collaborative Committees invite you to join a virtual five-part series that will aim to provide physicians with a deeper understanding of Indigenous Cultural Safety and Trauma Informed Practice in healthcare. Click the link above to read what session 1 covers.
- BC Provincial Academic Detailing (PAD) Service-new ADHD topic!
- Essential Conversations: In-Person Training for NRGH, VGH & RJH
- Call for Abstracts: Quality Forum 2023
- Physician Psychological Safety 2022 Webinar Series
- Psychiatry Grand Rounds | Videos
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) Physician Wellness Group Training

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- Orthopaedics for Primary Care Virtual Series 2023 | Wednesday January 4, 19:00-20:00
- Orthopaedics for Primary Care Virtual Series 2023 | Wednesday January 11, 19:00-20:00

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All upcoming events found on the

Calendar of Events page

Newsletters:



- Long-Term Care Newsletter | November 2022
- Rural CME Offerings December 2022 & January 2023 Newsletter
- Primary Care Update | December 7

The next email bulletin will occur January 12th. The <u>medical staff website</u> is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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