



Public Health:





- [Decriminalization update for staff and medical staff](#)
Island Health is identifying and updating specific policies and procedures regarding the provision of care to people who use substances. [Click here](#) to access a new educational resource about life-saving care when a suspected opioid poisoning is present.
- [Minister's statement on lives lost to poisoned drugs in January](#)
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, released a statement on the BC Coroners Service report on illicit drug-toxicity deaths in January 2023. [Click here to](#) read about Toxic drugs continuing to take the lives of British Columbians.
- [COVID-19 vaccine update for children under five](#)
The Government of B.C. is informing parents with children aged six months to four years old, that the supply for infant Moderna mRNA COVID-19 will be replenished starting on April 11, 2023. The current supply expired on March 8, 2023.

Spotlight:



- [PRIME: Midwives and Nurse Practitioner enrollment deadline is April 23rd](#)

PRIME is a largely automated application for health professionals to request permission to access PharmaNet for both sites and individuals.

- **Registrants of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC** with existing PharmaNet access who want to retain it must enrol in PRIME by **August 15, 2023**. Registrants who require access which they don't have currently must enrol in PRIME before accessing PharmaNet. More information available in [PRIME enrolment webinars](#)



- [Clinical Governance: Building the foundation for new decision-making committees](#)

Staff and medical staff across Island Health can offer feedback about the Terms of Reference (membership criteria, roles, responsibilities and decision-making rights, etc.) for regional and organizational-level committees that will be responsible for clinical governance at Island Health. [Click here](#) to visit the new Clinical Governance Improvement Initiative Page.

- [Collaboration in action: New MHSU Service Link helps connect people to resources](#)

Island Health has launched the Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) Service Link. This central access phone number helps connect people to MHSU information and services in their community.

- [Budget 2023 - A Positive Step Forward for Healthcare](#)

The Provincial Government budget announced \$6.4 billion in new investments to strengthen public healthcare over a three year period.

- [Province invests in maternity care, expands UBC midwifery program](#)

Improved access to maternity care across B.C. will be possible thanks to the province increasing seats in the UBC midwifery program by more than 70% by September 2023.

- [March 11 is Canadian Women Physicians Day](#)

The third ever Canadian Women Physicians Day is on March 11, a time to recognize and honour the many amazing contributions of women who practice medicine in this country. [Click here](#) to read how Island Health recognized International Women's Day on March 8.

- [Primary Care Physicians Needed for Research in Refugee Care | Questionnaire](#)

What are the barriers and opportunities that family doctors face when

delivering primary care to refugees in BC? This study is looking for your thoughts. Participation involves 10-15 minutes of your time to fill in a web-based questionnaire on Qualtrics. All responses are anonymous. Questionnaire closes on March 31, 2023.

Technology News:



- [Happy tappin'! "Tap N Go" technology saves Island Health hospital staff time](#)

OneSign Tap N Go works with proximity access cards (prox cards) to help unlock screens and move between workstations faster than they could by typing in a username and password dozens of times a day. [Click here](#) to read about OneSign® "Tap N Go" deploying at Royal Jubilee Hospital (RJH).

Upcoming Events and Education Opportunities:



- [Register Now! Crucial Conversations for Medical Leaders: Managing Conflict in the Workplace](#)
Register today to attend “Crucial Conversation for Medical Leaders: Managing Conflict in the Workplace” on May 4 2023, in Victoria (Langford, Sheraton Four Points). Speakers include: Dr. Liisa Honey, CMPA, Dr. Richard Mimeault, CMPA, and Ms Linda Dobson.
- [Register Now! Annual BC Rural Health Conference 2023](#)
Registration is now open for the BC Rural Health Conference on June 2–4 2023, in Whistler. Click the link to read more on what the conference offers.
- [PRIME enrolment webinars](#)
Click the link to enroll in two PRIME webinars on March 22, 2023. The purpose of both webinars is to help people navigate the user enrolment and site registration processes.
- [Indigenous Cultural Safety Webinar Series: Session 4 of 5 | February 9, 2023](#)
Session 4 focused on the themes of allyship, co-journeying, and communities of practice in the context of Indigenous Cultural Safety.
- [CHI Lunch & Learn Series| “When it is Not Just Memory Loss” | Wednesday, March 15, 12:00-13:00](#)

All upcoming events found on the

[Calendar of Events page](#)

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



Newsletters:



- [Mental Health Act \(MHA\) Infobits newsletter 1st edition!](#)
- [MHSU Update- February 2023](#)
- [Rural CME Offerings Newsletter March 2023](#)
- [Island Health Research Dispatch Newsletter March 2023](#)

The next email bulletin will occur **April 13**. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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