



Medical Staff Bulletin

April 17, 2023



- **Updated Medical Staff Rules**

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Several amendments to the Medical Staff Rules (MSR) proposed by the Legislative Committee were endorsed by the HAMAC in January and subsequently approved by the Board in March of this year. All members of the medical staff are responsible for being familiar with the Medical Staff Rules and practising in accordance with them.

- Revisions to the Rules include the following:

- Integration of Cultural Safety, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the MSR
- Editorial revisions of the Medical Staff Rules for spelling and grammatical errors, updated titles, and links as appropriate.
- Changes to MSR for Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST) orders for non-privileged providers
- Revision of Section 2.6 – Teaching, Education, and Research
Sincerely, Dr. David Butcher, Dr. Ian Thompson, & Chaundra Willms, NP

- **New opportunity for point-of-care staff to lead quality improvement | CGII**

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Point-of-care staff and patients are often best positioned to identify opportunities to improve the quality of our health-care services. Staff and medical staff will soon have a new opportunity to help lead quality improvement at the regional level by participating in new committees with Island-wide impact.

- **New Alternative Payment Subsidiary Agreement Hours Reporting and After Hours Premium Invoicing Tool and**

Processes

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Content included in this article expands on the March 20,2023, PMA communications and explores additional information about Island Health's tool and processes.

- For more PMA content and the March 20, communications, please visit the [Medical Staff PMA webpage](#).

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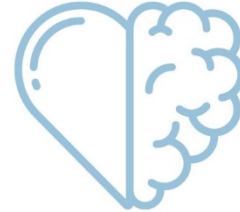


- **Island Health Memo - End of Respiratory Season**

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Dr. Réka Gustafson shares information about the end of respiratory season, COVID-19 spring boosters and how Island Health is addressing COVID-19 protocols moving forward. [Click here](#) for Dr. Henry and Minister Dix's statement.

Mental Health:



- **Medical Staff Education for Admitting & Treating Patients under the Mental Health Act**

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Recent changes are coming to the forms used in British Columbia to involuntarily admit and treat patients under the Mental Health Act. To ensure patients' rights are protected and the forms are completed correctly, all medical staff who are involved in regularly treating and caring for patients under the Mental Health Act will be required to complete an online education module.

- **MHSU Sprint: The home stretch!**

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The MHSU Sprint was an intensive eight-month effort to advance priorities in four service streams, including access to MHSU services, accelerate response to the toxic drug crisis.

- **Nanaimo Centralized Intake Services update**

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Effective March 15, 2023 the first phase of MHSU walk-in services at Baron's Road (3151 Baron's Road) will transition out and instead available at Brooks Landing (203-2000 Island Highway) from Monday to Friday between 10 am and 5 pm.

- **New, central service links people to mental health and substance use resources**

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Residents in the Island Health region can now call a single telephone number to access a broad array of community-based services focused on mental health and substance use.

SPOTLIGHT:



- **FROM THE CEO: VP Announcement & Portfolio Realignments**

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CEO Kathy MacNeil announced Marko Peljhan as the successful candidate for the role of Vice President, Clinical Services Central/South Island and Provincial Programs. [Click here](#) to read Dr. Ben Williams' announcement.

- **Action taken to strengthen North Vancouver Island health**

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Island Health and its partners have made significant progress in implementing the actions designed to improve and stabilize health-care services for the Northern Vancouver Island region. This comes after the Province announced a \$30 million investment in health-care services for the region on January 27, 2023.

- **Research Supports & Funding for Rural Physicians**

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Receive up to \$10,000 when applying to the The Rural Physician Research Grant Program. The deadline for the 2023 spring competition is April 30. This grant runs twice a year. Click the link above to read about Dr. Henry Jiang and his \$10,000 Rural Physician Research Grant.



- **Dr. Christopher Stuart and Dr. Sara Waters recognized in 2023 BC Quality Awards**

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The BC Patient Safety & Quality Council is pleased to announce the Island Health winners and runners up for the 2023 BC Quality Awards.

- **PRIME Physician Communications | All members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC**

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Dr. Mary-Lyn Fyfe shares requirements for all members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC (CPSBC) to enroll in PRIME between April 1st, 2023 to August 15th, 2023.

- **More than 300 new long-term care beds coming to Colwood**

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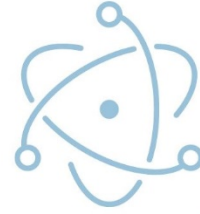
Island Health prepares to build a new care home in the Westshore.

- **New transformative staffing model will better support nurses and patients**

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Together, the Province, the BC Nurses' Union and the Nurses' Bargaining Association (NBA) have achieved a new staffing model and more support for nurses to strengthen B.C.'s health-care system and patient care.

TECHNOLOGY NEWS:



- **New Service: Video On-Demand**

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Virtual Care Services is excited to bring you a new way to access interpreting servicing, making professional interpreters readily available for your patients.

- **Quick Tip for “Tap N Go” Users**

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A quick tip to make logging in and out of “Tap N Go” easier for Island Health medical staff switching between computers and workstations on wheels. [Click here](#) to read about the completion of OneSign® “Tap N Go” at RJH.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:



- **First Annual Island Health Trauma/Critical Care (TRACC) Conference**
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- **Enroll in the BCPSQC Communicating the Unexpected Outcomes for Clinicians now!**
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Register now! Prepare yourself for difficult conversations; enroll in the BCPSQC Communicating the Unexpected Outcomes (CUO) for Clinicians now!
- **Indigenous Cultural Safety Webinar Series: Session 5 of 5**
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The fifth and final session of this five part series was held on March 9, 2023. Session 5 of 5: **Tying it all together and continued support.**

- **Brain Health Education for Patients and Family – Learning the Ropes**

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Learning the Ropes (LTR) is a 6 - week course focused on optimizing cognitive health for older adults living with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) and their partners in care.

- **Get to Know Clinical Research at Island Health: Drop-In April 18th at RJH**

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From 10am – 2pm on April 18th, come by and say hi to Clinical Trials Unit team members in the atrium of the Patient Care Centre at RJH and learn more about clinical research at Island Health!

- **Save the Dates: Five Days in May 2023**

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Dates/events as follow: Tuesday, May 2: Indigenous Health; Tuesday, May 9: Seniors Health; Tuesday, May 16: Planetary Health; Tuesday, May 23: Mental Health for Healthcare Providers and Tuesday, May 30: Harm Reduction.

- **You're Invited to the Cognitive Health Initiative Lunch & Learn - April 19th!**

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- **Sign Up Today! Health and wellness learning events**

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- **Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds - Esketamine Case Series | Tuesday April 18, 12:00-13:00**

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- **Technology in Dementia Care | Wednesday April 19, 12:00 - 13:00**

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- **Speech Language Pathology: Adult outpatient services in South Island - What we do and how to refer | Wednesday April 26, 13:00-14:00**

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- **Ethics Lunch & Learn - April 19 2023!**

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Please save the zoom details in your calendar and join Dr. Jeff Kerrie, Karen Shufelt & Jill Boerstler in an engaging clinical ethics discussion at the April Ethics Lunch & Learn!

All upcoming events found on the

[Calendar of Events page](#)

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NEWSLETTERS:



- **March 2023 issue of Mental Health Act (MHA) INFOBITS is available!**
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- **Rural CME Offerings Newsletter April 2023**
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- **Long-Term Care Program Newsletter**
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- **Spring NUMA newsletter: Minding the Gap**
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- **Island Health Magazine Spring 2023 Issue**
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