



- **Expression of Interest for Clinical Governance Committees extended to May 17th**

[View message from Dr. Ben Williams>>](#)

Point-of-care staff are in the best position not only to identify opportunities to improve the quality of patient care, but to understand how to successfully enable those changes in a busy clinical environment. Join a new clinical governance committee and become part of the team leading the future of quality improvement for Island Health. May 17 is the deadline to submit an Expression of Interest to join the new quality-focused committees. [Click here for more information](#)

CELEBRATING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS



- **Happy National Physicians Day | May 1 -
From Dr. Ben Williams**

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May 1 was National Physicians Day! On behalf of Island Health, Dr. Williams offered his gratitude to all physicians working across the Island Health region.

- **Minister's statement on Midwives Day | May
5**

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On May 5, Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, issued the following statement in recognition of Midwives Day.

- **Celebrating National Nursing Week! | May
8- 14**

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Krista Allan, Chief Nursing and Allied Health Officer, expresses her sincere gratitude to all nurses at Island Health. [Click here](#) to read about career insights shared by Nurse Practitioner Shauna Archer. [Click here](#) for a



statement by Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, in recognition of National Nursing Week.

MEDICAL STAFF SPOTLIGHT:



- **Celebration of Excellence - Dr. Paul Sawchuk**

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Congratulations to **Dr. Jason (Paul) Sawchuck** for being recognized with a Celebration of Excellence (COE) Award.

- **Promoting Appropriate and Sustainable Prescribing for Patients with Asthma**

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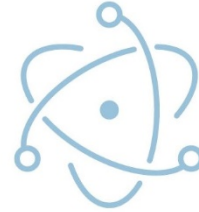
Dr. Valeria Stoyanova and **Dr. Celia Culley** are combating healthcare waste in BC by defining new pathways to reduce inhaler waste and by encouraging appropriate prescribing.

- **The CERT Team turns 3!**

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Under the guidance of **Dr. Tracey Stephenson** the CERT team has now passed the three year mark. Click the link above to read more about the CERT team.

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS



- **Survey - Handling Patient Information in Primary Care**

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What are the opportunities for improving the handling of patient information in your area? This survey focuses on medical staff roles in UPCCs and the handling of patient information in daily practice. The survey is open now through Friday, June 9, 2023, and takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

- **Island Health Practice for Results Distribution**

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Currently the EHR can only designate one location per physician for delivery of results to physicians and clinics in our community. When ordering tests or investigations, please cc the clinic where the patient encounter occurred.

- **Video On-Demand Interpreting now available at your site**

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Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) is a free, on-demand application that gives care providers easy access to a live, medically-trained interpreter via video or audio in a matter of seconds. The interpreting services are available in more than 240 languages, including American Sign Language (ASL).

- **The Patient Care Quality Office Online Submission Form**

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A new online form allows patients to electronically submit compliments and concerns.

PUBLIC HEALTH:

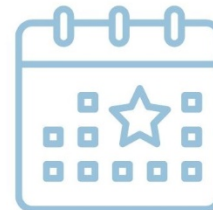


- **Statement on the World Health Organization declaring end of COVID-19 as global emergency**

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On May 5, the World Health Organization declared the end of COVID-19 as a global health emergency. Click the link above to read the statement released by Adrian Dix, Minister of Health, and Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Medical Health Officer. [Click here](#) to read about changes to the COVID-19 universal mask precautions and visitor screening.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:



- **Medical Staff Town Hall** | Thursday June 8, 07:30 - 08:30
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- **It's Back! Go By Bike Week is May 29th to June 4th**
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- **You're invited to The Cognitive Health Initiative Lunch and Learn**
| Wednesday May 17th, 12:00-13:00
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- **National Nursing Week Events** | Monday May 8 - Friday May 12
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- **Island Dermatology Series - Session 1: Acne** | Thursday May 11,
18:00-19:00
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- **PRIME site registration and user enrolment webinars** | Tuesday
May 16 and Thursday May 18
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There will be two webinars, on **May 16 and 18, 2023**, to help people navigate the user enrolment and site registration processes.
- **Island Medicine Conference: Updates, Skills and Networking** |
Friday June 2 - Saturday June 3, 07:00 - (15:15 Saturday)
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- **BC Rural Health Conference 2023** | Friday June 2 - Sunday June 4,
12:00 - (12:30 Sunday)
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All upcoming events found on the

[Calendar of Events page](#)

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NEWSLETTERS:



- **Spring MHSU Update - 2022/23 Fiscal Year in Review**

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- **Rural CME Offerings Newsletter April 2023**
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- **Community Resource Team Update Issue**
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- **April edition of Mental Health Act Infobits now available**
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- **New Virtual Care Services Newsletter!**
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The next email bulletin will occur **June 8**. The [medical staff website](#) is updated Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

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