



IMPORTANT UPDATES:



Chart Completion Reminder

A friendly reminder to please complete your charts to help support quality care transitions and patient care delivery.

Emergency Room Short-Term Work Opportunities Across the Island

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Current sites offering short-term work include: Cowichan District Hospital, Port Hardy Hospital, Port McNeill Hospital, Saanich Peninsula Hospital and West Coast General Hospital.

Hours Reporting and After-Hours Premiums Payment Processing

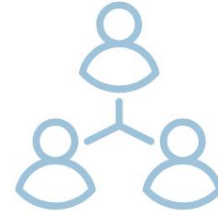
As per the recently negotiated PMA, effective April 1, 2023, all new or renewed service contracts include mandatory daily hours reporting, and after-hours premiums (AHPs) became payable to physicians on Alternative Payment Subsidiary Agreement (APSA/APP) service contracts or salary agreements. Further details regarding the AHPs are available on the [Medical Staff Website](#).

Hours Reporting Tool: While we develop a more user-friendly tool to capture the information required under the PMA, **please use the interim excel-based invoice template** that can be found on the [Medical Staff Website](#) as this facilitates faster processing times.

Payment Processing Update: While we will continue to prioritize and pay regular contract payments within the usual timelines, the implementation of this PMA-mandated requirement has impacted processing times for AHPs. For invoices submitted **using the interim excel-based template, payments will be issued within 30 days** of receiving the approved invoice; for those submitted **using older/other invoices templates, payments may take up to 90 days** after receiving the approved invoice.

Island Health appreciates your cooperation as they implement this change. If you have any questions, please reach out to Physician_comp@islandhealth.ca

NEW MEDICAL LEADERSHIP:



Apply Now! Medical Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

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The Medical Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is a co-leadership position that shares responsibility with the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and works proactively with others (including patients) to ensure continuous quality improvement of service delivery.



Welcome Dr Woodward, Pradhan and Franco

- **Dr. Elizabeth Woodward, Medical Lead, Assertive Community Treatment**
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- **Dr. Laxman Pradhan, Co-Medical Lead, Co-Division Head, Hospitalist
Comox Valley Hospital**
[View Dr. Pradhan's Biography >>](#)

- **Dr. Christopher Franco, Medical Director, Heart Health**

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May 4, Crucial Conversations for Medical Leaders - Wrap Up

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Medical leaders across the Island Health region gathered in Victoria to attend 'Crucial Conversations for Medical Leaders: Managing Conflict in the Workplace'. During the workshop, attendees acquired strategies to employ if a conversation derails, as well as how to apply a conflict resolution roadmap, from initiation to action.





Island Health Expands Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Counselling

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Residents of Vancouver Island living with moderate mental health and substance use challenges will now have improved access to publicly-funded, community-based counselling, through the addition and/or expansion of partnerships with 11 counselling service providers, which will meet the counselling needs of at least 1,500 clients each year.

Province Expands Access to Opioid Agonist Treatment Medications

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As of June 6, British Columbia is the first province in Canada to provide universal coverage for eligible medications used for the treatment of opioid-use disorder.



IHealth Workflow Validation Sessions Seeking Region-wide Input

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IHealth is focusing on clinical workflows that guide the best quality care journey for patients and care providers, starting with acute and ambulatory care. [Click here](#) to read an update from IHealth medical staff site leads. [Click here](#) to read about the Tap N Go signed-in window expanding to eight hours.

Seeking Medical Staff Input to Improve on Cactus Software for Appointments and Renewals

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The BC Medical Quality Initiative (BC MQI) is working with “Be the Change Group”, a population and public health firm, to carry out an engagement project with users of the provincial credentialing and privileging system (C&P), Cactus.

New ICU at Nanaimo Hospital Ready for Patients as of June 28

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On June 28, a 12-bed intensive care unit (ICU) at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital opened for patients.

Help Shape Anti-racism Legislation in BC

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Calling all Medical Staff to share their thoughts via an online questionnaire about how the government can best address systemic racism.



Medical Leader Town Hall | Thursday, August 10, 07:30 -08:00

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Prepare for Difficult Conversations - Seats Still Available for the Communicating Unexpected Outcomes (CUO) for Clinicians course.

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Island Health is encouraging all staff, medical staff and leadership within Island Health to register today for the accredited, virtual training course, CUO for Clinicians. The course will equip you with enhanced communication skills which

will support you and your teams through these often-difficult disclosure circumstances.

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:



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From the Office of the Chief Medical Health Officer.

June 2023 issue of Mental Health Act (MHA) INFOBITS is here!

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Between the Lines July Newsletter!

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The next email bulletin will occur **August 10.** The [medical staff website](#) is updated
Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).

If you have any questions, or wish to unsubscribe, please email

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