



****January 31 Deadline: Adoption of New Mental Health Act (MHA) Forms 4.1 & 4.2**

Proper Mental Health Act Form completion is a crucial part of protecting the rights of patients certified under the *Mental Health Act* and is required by law. **All B.C. health authorities are required to implement the new Mental Health Act medical certificates (Form 4.1 and Form 4.2) by January 31, 2024.** The old medical certificate (Form 4) will no longer be legally recognized effective February 1, 2024. Full practice change expectations can be found on the [What's New page](#) of Island Health's Mental Health Act intranet site, and on the [Medical Affairs' Mental Health Act web page](#).

Cerner EHR Applications Outage Scheduled for February 9-10

Our Cerner Millennium application will be undergoing an important upgrade as it transitions from our current data centre hosting to an Oracle Health hosted Canadian Data Center. This will affect all Cerner applications at Island Health. Within Island Health, this project is commonly known as the Remote Hosting Option (RHO).

When will the change take place?

From Friday, February 9, 10 p.m. to Saturday, February 10, 6.a.m.

Why is this happening?

This upgrade ensures the continued security and reliability of Island Health infrastructure and services.

How will medical staff be prepared and supported?

The teams responsible are engaged with medical and clinical operations leadership for their input to coordinate preparation and ensure appropriate support will be in place during the transition. More details will be circulated shortly. **Click [here](#) to learn more from the IHealth team.**

WELCOME, DR. KEITH MENARD - NEW POSITION

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Keith Menard** has accepted the position of Executive Medical Director, Medical Staff Governance. Dr. Menard is passionate about working to develop education and onboarding for new members of medical staff and supporting medical staff through well-organized governance. He has been instrumental in creating departmental policies to ensure fair processes and clear decision making and has lead initiatives to better identify and address medical staff HR challenges. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Menard in his new role!



NEW STARTERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new Medical Leaders. We are thrilled to have you on board!

Dr. Paeta Lehn - Medical Lead,
Emergency Saanich Peninsula
Hospital

Dr. Mike Thomson - Medical Lead,
Emergency Medicine Victoria
General Hospital

Dr. John Boldon - Medical Lead,
Emergency, Nanaimo Regional
General Hospital

Dr. Alyson Osborne - Medical
Lead, Geriatric Specialty Services.

Dr. Mary Elrick - Medical
Lead/Division Head, Family Practice
Saanich Peninsula Hospital

MEDICAL LEADER OPPORTUNITY

We are pleased to announce that we are looking for a **Medical Director - Education, Onboarding & Leadership Development**. This is a new co-leadership position that works proactively with others to ensure continuous quality improvement of service delivery. This position reports to the Executive Medical Director, Medical Staff Governance. Click [here](#) to read more.

GENERATIVE AI TECH - A CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

There is interest in applying Generative AI (Gen AI) tools such as ChatGPT at Island Health. These tools have potential to drive value by supporting efficiencies and automating various administrative tasks. However, these are emerging innovations and discretion must be exercised. Read [here](#) for interim guidance on appropriate use and for a call for participants to help inform our strategy.

All upcoming events found on the

[Calendar of Events page](#)

If you wish to add an event to the medical staff calendar of events, please contact MedStaffCommunications@islandhealth.ca

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