

August 2025



**SAVE THE DATE! Medical Staff Forum, Tues 9 September, 7.30-8.30am on MS Teams**

Medical staff are invited to join Dr. Ben Williams, Vice President Medicine, Quality, Research and Chief Medical Officer for a Medical Staff Forum in September. **In this special edition Forum, we will be sharing the NEW medical leadership model.**



**An email invitation for this virtual event was sent to all medical staff on Monday 18 August. Please check your email as the invitation contains the Teams meeting link, and a Slido link for advance questions.** If you did not receive an invite, please email [MedStaffCommunications@islandhealth.ca](mailto:MedStaffCommunications@islandhealth.ca). For details about how to nominate a medical staff peer for recognition during the Forum, please see the medical staff website [HERE](#).

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### **Celebrating Medical Staff Service Milestones**

The [Medical Staff Recognition Program](#) aims to recognize medical staff service milestones at 5 years of service, and in 5-year increments thereafter. This year, **403 medical staff** across Island Health are reaching important service milestones—with one medical staff member celebrating a remarkable **50 years of service!**

We warmly recognize and thank all our milestone recipients for their outstanding contributions to our patients and communities. In-person events celebrating both staff and

medical staff service milestones will occur in September and October across the region. Recipient invitees have been contacted individually. For questions about the Recognition Program please email [MedStaffRecognition@islandhealth.ca](mailto:MedStaffRecognition@islandhealth.ca)

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### **In Memoriam Dr. Sylvie Argouarch**

We are profoundly saddened to announce the tragic passing of Dr. Sylvie Argouarch in Victoria, on August 2nd. Dr. Argouarch was a dedicated geriatric psychiatrist, who consistently prioritized the needs of the most vulnerable patients. She was thoughtful and inspirational—determined to provide comfort and dignity to everyone in her care. Our thoughts are with Dr. Argouarch's family, friends, and colleagues in their grief.

To read Dr. Argouarch's obituary and offer condolences to her family, please visit [McCall Gardens website](#).

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### **Dr. Robin Love Appointed to the Order of British Columbia**



*It is our great privilege to share that Dr. Robin Love has been appointed to the Order of British Columbia. The Order represents the highest form of recognition our province can extend to its citizens, and honours individuals who serve and excel in any field of endeavor. 2025 appointees will be invested at a ceremony at Government House in Victoria this September.*

*Dr. Love is a retired family and palliative care physician who has spent more than 30 years in service to individuals and their loved ones. Through mentorship, Dr. Love has broadened the breadth of his impact transforming palliative care services at Island Health, and further afield. His positive influence extends to global citizens too; Dr. Love facilitated the establishment of a national strategy for palliative care in Nepal, contributing countless hours to education and programs at Bhaktapur Cancer Hospital.*

*Dr. Love is compassionate, generous, and extremely tenacious—he was instrumental in opening Nanaimo's first Palliative Care Unit in the 1990s. Dr. Love retired from his role as Medical Leader for the Palliative & End of Life Care Program at Nanaimo Regional General*

*Hospital in 2023. During his tenure, he established himself as a luminary in palliative care in the mid-Island region—advocating for his patients, their families, and transforming end-of-life care. He sought dignity for every patient, and has inspired countless physician colleagues, medical trainees, nurses, and healthcare professionals.*

*Dr. Love's appointment corroborates his remarkable talent, dedication, and humanity. As colleagues, we are incredibly proud of him. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Love on this truly exceptional honour.*

**Dr. Kelly Cox**, Executive Medical Director, Nanaimo Acute Care, Community and Cancer Care & **Dr. Mark James**, Chief of Staff, Nanaimo Regional General Hospital

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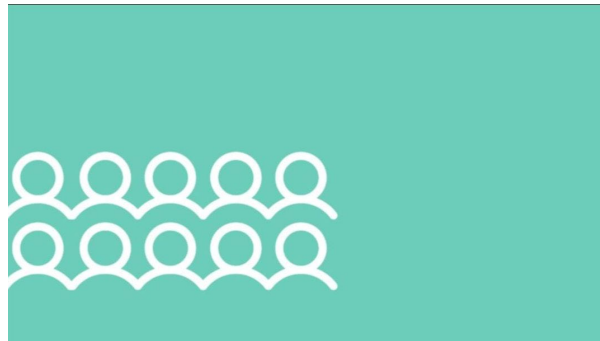
### Welcome NEW Medical Leaders

- **Dr. James Stone**, Medical Lead, South Island Surgical Centre
  - **Dr. Tom Dorran**, Site Medical Director and Chief of Staff, West Coast General Hospital
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### Home Oxygen Applications for Acute Patients

Starting August 25, 2025, the ordering physician/nurse practitioner must sign the home oxygen application for patients being discharged from acute care. Applications



### Transparency & Communications (T&C) Steering Committee Member Callout

Two medical staff members are being sought to join the T&C steering committee, with one member representing North Island. The Committee is integral to the projects

signed by a respiratory therapist will not be approved. For more information about the Home Oxygen Program and to download an application, see [THIS](#) Intranet page. For questions about this change, contact [Jodi.Zimmer@islandhealth.ca](mailto:Jodi.Zimmer@islandhealth.ca)

and improvement initiatives related to the Doctors of BC survey results.

For more information about this opportunity, please click [HERE](#).

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### Invoice Submission Process Reminder

[The Medical Staff Compensation team](#) endeavors to prioritize payment processing over all other email enquiries. To ensure timely payment, please follow these helpful tips for invoice submission:

- Please send a separate email for each invoice you are submitting.
- Please use the following format for your invoice file name *and* email subject:
  - [Contract number] [Last name, First name] [Month year] e.g.,

*PX123456 Smith, Charlie July 2025*



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