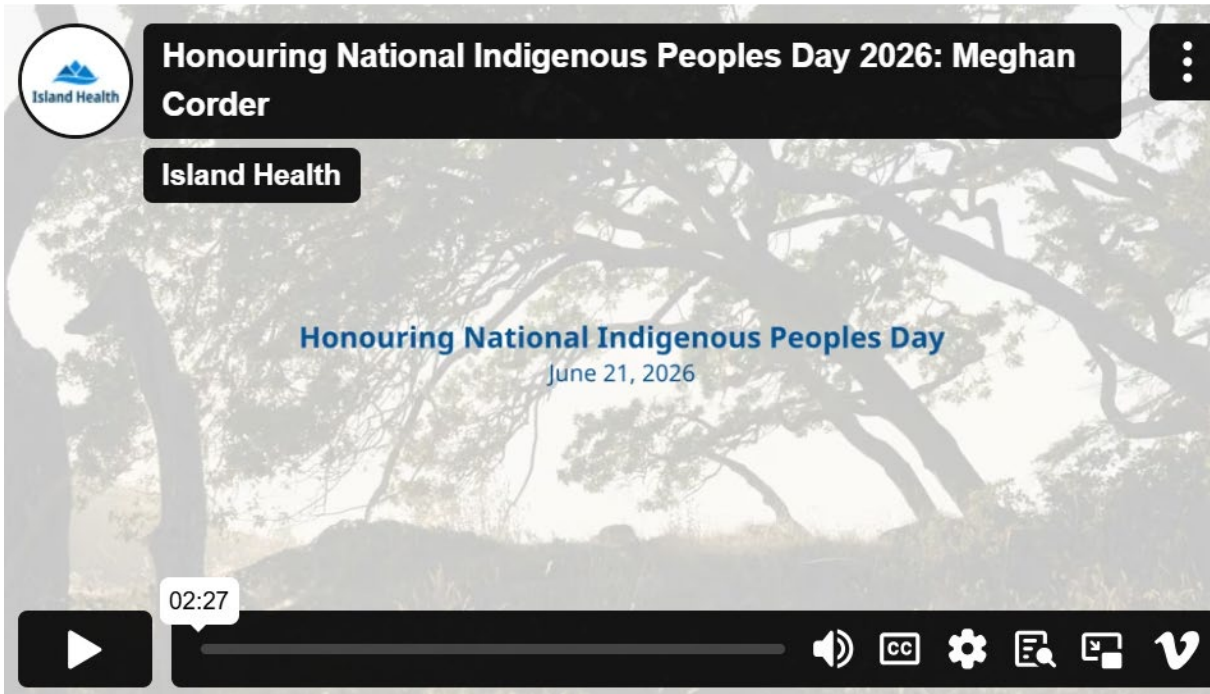


Recap: Medical Staff Forum May 28, 2026

The Medical Staff Forum, hosted by Dr. Ben Williams, Vice President Medicine, Quality, Research and Chief Medical Officer and Dr. Michelle Weizel, Associate Vice President & Deputy Chief Medical Officer included presentations about Advanced Electronic Health Record and a Hantavirus Andes update from Public Health Team. Medical Staff who were unable to attend can [view the presentation slides](#) (Intranet login required).



Celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day

[National Indigenous Peoples Day, June 21](#), is an important reminder to pause from the rush of everyday life and celebrate the vast and rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of Indigenous Peoples across the Island. [There are many ways to participate in the day](#) that are a great opportunity for deeper learning and conversations, and to recognize the rich history, heritage, resilience, and diversity of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples.

Welcome New Medical Leaders

This month, we are thrilled to welcome:

- **Sarah Bjorgan**, Site Lead, Midwifery, West Coast General Hospital
- **Dr. Annie Colwell**, Deputy Chief of Staff, Lady Minto Hospital
- **Dr. Brodie Lipon**, Division Head, Anesthesiology, Pain & Perioperative Medicine, Regional
- **Willow McConell**, Division Head, Midwifery, Lady Minto Hospital
- **Jennifer Nguyen**, Division Head, Midwifery, Port Hardy Hospital and Port McNeill Hospital

- **Cindy Storie**, Division Head, Midwifery, West Coast General Hospital
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Pride 2026 Events

June marks the start of Pride Month across Canada. It is a time to celebrate the 2SLGBTQIA+ community with your Island Health colleagues and reflect on the ongoing work required to foster equity and inclusion within our healthcare system. [Upcoming regional Pride events.](#)

Medical Leader Opportunity

We're actively seeking to fill the role of [Division Head, Podiatry](#). This leadership role collaborates with multidisciplinary leaders through the CARE networks to define departmental quality goals and clinical outcome measures.

Seeking Medical Staff Co-Facilitators - Violence Prevention Training

Calling all Medical Staff members interested in violence prevention and de-escalation to help co-facilitate Island Health's Violence Prevention Training for Medical Staff. This is a compensated, part-time opportunity with full administrative support provided. [Full details.](#)

Workload Funding (WLF)

The ratified 2025 Physician Main Agreement (PMA) includes Workload Funding available for physicians providing services to Island Health through a Service Contract or Salary Agreement who

are experiencing significant and sustained growth in their workload and are seeking funding for additional physician resourcing.

2026/2027 Workload Funding packages have been distributed for existing services (not new services or expansion of services or new Alternatives Payment Program contracts). Please direct questions about eligibility or the application process, to [Sarah Porter](#), Information Consultant, Medical Staff Quality. Submission deadline: **July 29, 2026**.

New Family Presence Policy

Hospitalizations and interactions within the healthcare environment can be challenging experiences for clients and their loved ones. The [Family Presence Policy](#) helps formalize consistent practices for family presence across care areas and acknowledges the important supportive role families can play in the care experience. It emphasizes flexibility, inclusion, and cultural safety to honour diverse traditions, beliefs, and practices. [Full details](#).

Medical Leadership Training

[The Navigating Medical Leadership Onboarding Series](#) supports new and current Medical Leaders build foundational knowledge needed for success in leadership roles. Sessions introduce key programs and departments, clarify roles and responsibilities, and provide guidance and support resources. [Email to register](#).

Access Cards - Support and Renewal

Every five years when a photo identification expires, the associated proximity card is automatically deactivated. Dispatch will temporarily reactivate your card for up to 30 days to ensure you are not restricted from accessing clinical areas. Credentialing & Privileging process photo ID renewals for hospital-based providers; community-based providers, please contact your clinic/office coordinator. [Full details](#). **For urgent, real-time access card support**, please contact Protection Services Dispatch: 250-370-8575 or local 18575.

HAMAC Highlights – May 2026 Report

[Review the latest HAMAC meeting minutes from May 14](#)

In addition to regular business, the Health Authority Medical Advisory Committee discussed:

- CDH: Surgical Assists

- New Health Professions and Occupations Act
 - Service Capacity Management Procedure
 - Department of Pediatrics Report to HAMAC
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