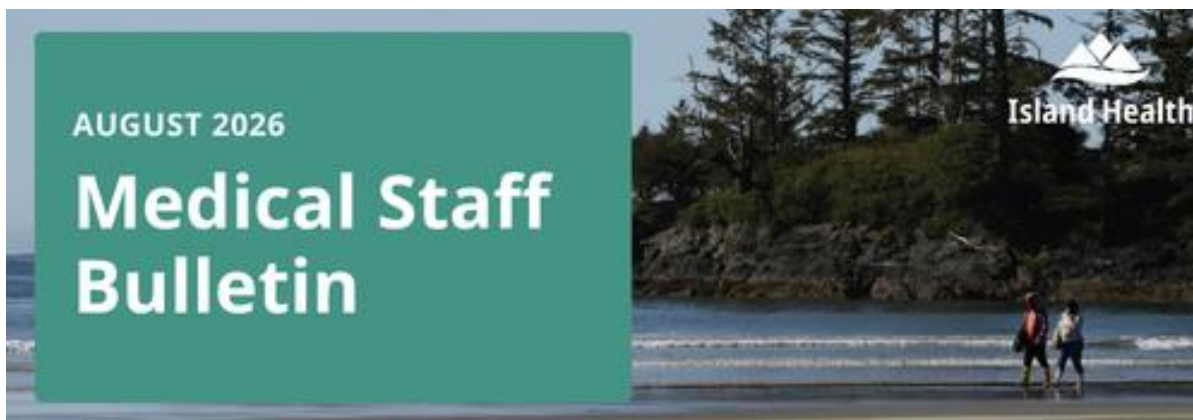




Medical Staff Forum - Save the Date

Medical staff are invited to join Dr. Ben Williams, Vice President Medicine, Quality, Research and Chief Medical Officer and Dr. Michelle Weizel, Associate Vice President & Deputy Chief Medical Officer for the Medical Staff Forum, **8 October, 7.30-8.30am** on MS Teams. The forum always has devoted time for medical staff questions. We hope to see you there - an email invitation will be sent out soon.

To nominate medical staff peers for recognition during the Forum, please send an email to MedStaffCommunications@islandhealth.ca noting: your name, the name of nominee, their title/area of practice and a brief explanation (2-3 sentences) outlining the reason for nomination.



Dr. Garneau-Begin: Going the extra (nautical) mile

Dr. Garneau-Begin, Family Physician at Port Alice Health Centre and Kyuquot Health Centre shares the story of his unusual commute by Sea-Doo to Old Quatsino, a boat-access only community for his shift on July 3:

“The helicopter was not available, so the day was expected to become a virtual telehealth clinic. While virtual care is a valuable tool for remote communities, it is often easier to assess and support patients in person. So I decided to go the extra mile — or, more accurately, the extra 250 kilometres return — by Sea-Doo.

“I packed my doctor’s bag into a dry bag, along with my laptop, stethoscope and portable bedside ultrasound. I wore a dry suit and carried a marine radio, satellite GPS, route tracking and communication tools. Coffee was also part of the equipment list.” [Follow the rest of Dr. Garneau-Begin’s journey.](#)

High Threat Pathogen Preparedness:

Required ED Training

Island Health is strengthening its readiness for high threat pathogen cases in alignment with provincial guidance, WorkSafeBC requirements and BC Centre for Disease Control resources. Initial preparedness work will focus on Emergency Department care teams at Nanaimo Regional General Hospital, Victoria General Hospital and Royal Jubilee Hospital followed by additional Island Health Emergency Department sites.

Emergency Department physicians are asked to complete [N95 fit testing](#) (approx. 15 min) and [the PICNet: Infection Control Precautions for High Threat Pathogens course](#) on the

[LearningHub](#) (approx. 60 min). Upon completion of these items, the final training component is a [PPE Donning and Doffing Training Session](#) (approx. 30 min).

Many N95 fit testing and PPE training sessions are being offered in the coming weeks to support ED physicians in completing this important safety training. Please visit [the medical staff website](#) for more info.

Welcome New Medical Leaders

This month, we are thrilled to welcome:

- **Dr. Caley Flynn**, Site Chief, Emergency Medicine, Royal Jubilee Hospital
 - **Lorna McRae**, RM, Site Lead Midwifery, Port Hardy Hospital, Port McNeill Hospital
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Medical Leader Opportunity

We're actively seeking to fill the role of **Medical Director, Indigenous Health**. This role is a co-leadership position that shares responsibility for ensuring high-quality medical services for all First Nations, Métis and Inuit People accessing Island Health services and proactively ensuring continuous quality improvement of service delivery. [Full details](#).

[All Medical Leadership opportunities](#).

HAMAC Sub-committee Chair Opportunities

Be part of advancing defined workplans and bringing forward recommendations, emerging issues, risks and opportunities for HAMAC endorsement in the role of [Chair, Medical Staff Governance Committee](#). This leadership opportunity is a great chance to participate in governance and support HAMAC's meaningful work.

Transparency and Communications Steering Committee:

Seeking Members from Central and North Island

The Transparency and Communications Steering Committee is seeking two medical staff members located in Nanaimo or northern Island regions to join them. Committee members are key influencers of cultural change at Island Health. They engage in co-developed solutions with the Health Authority to help embed transparent practices. [Full details](#).

Medical Leadership Training

The Navigating Medical Leadership Onboarding Series is an opportunity to meet and connect with new and current Medical Leaders while building foundational knowledge needed for success in leadership roles. Fall session dates are now open. [Register here.](#)



New and Graduating Resident Doctors Connect

Our newest group of Resident Doctors joined us in July, while our graduating Resident Doctors completed their training. At the Cowichan District Hospital, UBC's inaugural Quw'utsun Family Medicine Residents celebrated their success (pictured above with site directors Dr. Kirsten Yip and Dr. Lindsey Forest).

We congratulate all physicians who completed their residency training and are proud to continue to work alongside many of you. We welcome the incoming resident cohort and acknowledge their ongoing dedication within our patient care teams.

