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# Kootenay Boundary Division Dispatch

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## IN THE NEWS

### Primary Care Network (PCN) Service Plan Submitted

Kootenay Boundary's PCN service plan was submitted to BC's Ministry of Health Oct 1. We are awaiting feedback/approval of the plan. [Click here to view the executive summary of the plan.](#)

*Questions or comments? Contact Julius [juliushw@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:juliushw@divisionsbc.ca)*

### Please Support the 2018/19 Selkirk Pre-Med Scholarship

In 2018, KB Division's Selkirk Pre-Medicine scholarship raised over \$10,000 and helped support 5 students attend Selkirk College. Please consider supporting the scholarship for 2018/19. [Click here to learn more](#) (includes handy donation instructions)

*Docs who train rural, remain rural. Questions? Contact Paul - [pedney@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:pedney@divisionsbc.ca)*

### AGM/Round Table Feedback

An AGM Survey was administered on-line following the 2018 KB Division AGM in October. The survey was sent to all members, including those who did not attend the AGM. Topics: satisfaction physician voice is heard, physician wellness and burnout, EMR,

relationships with other health care professionals etc. [View a summary of the results here](#)

## CLINICAL SUPPORTS

### **NEW Palliative Supports**

**Palliative Care Rounds:** A new service to have patients reviewed by a multidisciplinary team of palliative care practitioners is now available. Team members include home health nursing, palliative social work, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, community paramedics, hospice/ NavCare, pharmacy, and the Medical Palliative Lead - Dr. Lilli Kerby in Trail or Dr. Lisa Sawyer in Nelson. Other providers may be at the table or phone in, and may include dietitians, the IH ethics team, wound care, oncology, and psychiatry. An assessment by the palliative care team will aim to develop a multidisciplinary care plan for your patient.

[Click here for the rounds referral form for Nelson](#)

[Click here for the rounds referral form for Trail](#)

**Palliative Care Consults:** Consults in the Greater Trail area are available with Palliative Lead, Dr. Lilli Kerby, through direct referral by GPs and NPs. Referrals in the Nelson area are facilitated by Dr. Lisa Sawyer.

[Click here for the consult referral form for GP consults in Trail](#)

[Click here for the consult referral form for GP consults in Nelson](#)

**Opioid Agonist Therapy (OAT) Community of Practice (CoP) Launches – Supporting Practitioners and Patients**

Kootenay Boundary's OAT CoP is the first of its kind in BC, bringing together GPs, NPs, RNs and pharmacists to discuss common practice issues, build stronger connections/relationships and share educational tools and tips with KB practitioners. Issues raised and discussed at our first meeting in November included: OAT medication carries in a rural context, improving communication following discharge of OAT patients, and the challenges of treating chronic pain in the context of opioid use disorder.

**One Click Poll:** [Please click here if you prescribe suboxone](#)

**Coming Soon:** Information, tools and tips to support you and your patients with substance use disorders. *Questions? Contact Zak Matieschyn - [zak.matieschyn@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:zak.matieschyn@interiorhealth.ca)*

## Emergency Medicine Transport/Transfer Services

**Pilot of daily non-urgent transport by BCAS:** New service aims to improve acute care response times. Shuttle will run once a day return Nelson–Castlegar–Trail. By grouping patients into this new transport option, local ambulances will remain in community for emergency needs.



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### MEDICAL IMAGING ACUTE TRANSFER PATHWAY

Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Sending Site:  BDH     CDH     ALH     SCH     VCH  
 KBRH     KLH
2. Receiving Site:  KBRH     KLH



**New patient transfer pathway form** to be piloted in KB to improve communication between referring physicians, radiology, and BCAS on patient disposition. *Coming soon!*

## **Orthopedic Surgical Optimization Form Launched**

A new surgical optimization form has been developed by surgeons and others at KBRH to help optimize total joint patients. Family Physicians are requested to use the form to help early identification of potential issues that can contribute to surgical site infections. The form will follow the patient on their journey from the family medical doctor to orthopedic surgeon, presurgical screening clinic, through hospitalization etc. The Orthopedic Surgical Optimization Form is available on Pathways: <https://pathwaysbc.ca/forms/2378>

## **Access to Region Wide Call Boards Made Easier with MBMD**

Use MBMD on your [smart phone](#) or [desktop computer](#) to instantly access region-wide call boards and specialist information, one tap and you can call or send a secure message. *Need help with MBMD? Contact Mona Mattei - [mmattei@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:mmattei@divisionsbc.ca)*

## **Upcoming Events & CPD Opportunities**

### **Dine and Learn Series - Dr. Jeff Harries: Alcohol Use Disorder Innovative Treatments**

13 Dec - Prestige Lakeside Resort, Nelson + Live webinar access

[Register Here](#)

### **Save the Date!**

**Feb 22:** Kootenay Conference, Prestige Lakeside Resort, Nelson (registration opening soon!)

**Apr 4:** Dine and Learn - KB General Surgeons' Panel, Castlegar

**May 31-Jun 1:** [CBT - Anxiety module, Rossland](#) (click to register!)