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COVID - 19 Support Resources

Thanks for everything you are doing to support our communities.
Click [here](#) for updated information on PPE availability.

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- Looking for ways to enhance your practice while working from home? Divisions have put together a list of ideas in this **Practice Enhancement Opportunities and Supports** during COVID-19 document available [here](#).
 - **Physician Quarantine Leave** Funding – Doctors of BC has communicated that if you are quarantined for being COVID-positive or COVID-exposed, the DoBC no longer requires a letter of support from a senior health authority person or MHO. That letter can be supplied by a Department Head. Information regarding this program is available at <https://www.doctorsofbc.ca/member-area/insurance/insurance-benefits-during-covid-19>.
 - If your EMR does not allow you to send faxes with a wet signature, consider adding SR Fax (www.srfax.com) which integrates with the EMR and will send secure faxes with the wet signature. For other information on faxing from home, see the **Doctors Technology Office Guide to eFaxing from Home**.
 - Pathways is setting up a **public-facing virtual care directory** to help support physicians and their patients with the shift to virtual care. It will enable patients to search their own family doctor and see when and how you are offering care and how to get in touch. It also includes information for unattached patients seeking care. **Please complete this survey** to ensure your information is included for patients seeking information [HERE](#).
 - Personal Protective Equipment – Interior Health is encouraging physician clinics to continue accessing PPE through their own established supply chains. However, if you cannot find something through your supply chains, you may now request to purchase it through the health authority. See [attached memo](#) for more information.



The Cranbrook IDA Pharmacy at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital is open for **business as usual** to fill prescriptions and make compounds. They will also deliver to patients not wanting to go to the hospital at this time.

Physician Financial Support - A flow chart may help determine what financial support Canadian physicians qualify for due to COVID-19. It can be found [here](#).

Webinar with Mike Adams, CPA, CA, Apex Accounting in Cranbrook
As a Board Director and Treasurer of EK Division, Mike has kindly agreed to offer a webinar for physicians to review the new financial supports available through the provincial and federal governments. He will give a brief presentation and take any questions you may have.
Wednesday April 29th at 6:00pm MST. Invitations will be sent to your email.



Attached please find a **COVID-19 Update** with important information for those members of the medical staff working with our Long Term Care residents, as well as a copy of the **Memo from the Interior Health Medical Health Officers** outlining the current Requirements for Patient/Resident Inter-Facility Transfers.
Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact medicalstaff@interiorhealth.ca

Upcoming Events

Invites will be sent for the Grand Rounds on Long Term Care being held on April 30th from 5:00-6:00pm **PDT (6:00-7:00pm MDT)**.

Divisions Dispatch

- **BC physicians can get Zoom licenses at no cost**
- **RACE COVID-19 response: Extended hours and new specialty**
- **DTO virtual care resources: Video tutorial series, e-faxing guide, weekly support sessions**
- **Physicians: things you can do to strengthen your practice during COVID-19**
- **The BC College of Family Physicians launches virtual care campaign**
- **Postponement of the Fall JCC Events**
- **GPSC Spring Billing Webinars – Rescheduled to Summer/Fall 2020**
- **Free online support groups for people with chronic pain during COVID**
- **Virtual stroke recovery sessions**
- **Study: Short interviews on advance care planning**
- **Divisions in the News**

Please be in touch!

Tell the East Kootenay Division what you need, how have you been challenged to manage COVID 19 in your office practice. Need help to implement some of these recommendations? Please drop us a quick note and we'll try our best to help.

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