



MARCH 2019

**March is Childhood
Arthritis Month**



Reminder from Delta Hospital and the Emergency Department

1. **Pregnant patients over 20 weeks** needing assessment should be presenting to the birthing unit where they will deliver, not to the emergency department.
2. **Sub-specialist referrals** - Delta Hospital has on site hospitalists, internal medicine and general and orthopedic surgery services. If you have any other consultant service you wish patients to follow up with, please refer the patient to that consultant's primary hospital unless specific arrangements have been made with the consultant and Delta Hospital.
3. **Outpatient transfusions & IV antibiotics** – Delta ER hosts outpatient transfusions and IV antibiotics for patients with a geographic address in Delta. Due to capacity constraints, patients with an address outside of Delta will be referred to their closest hospital site. If you have a patient who resides in Delta and is in need of transfusion or IV antibiotics, the ER staff will be happy to discuss arrangements over the phone.

Physician Office Security

Opportunities for expanding patient care technology (Virtual Care) and building integrated systems of care (UCI, PCNs) will require physician office IT security training. If your clinic has not attended a Physician Office Security Workshop, or attended and have not had time to implement action, contact Kari Kessler, Medical Practice Operations Coordinator – kkessler@divisionsbc.ca to discuss ways to get started. On-line training will be available in May.

Delta Division MOA Network

MOAs are an integral part of family practice and the Division aims to support them by:

- ❖ Offering opportunities for professional development to enhance job performance, patient care and career satisfaction
- ❖ Connecting clinic staff in Ladner and Tsawwassen professionally and socially
- ❖ Promoting strong relationships and communication between the Division, family physicians and MOAs

The first social was a casual evening out in Ladner – thanks to everyone who attended! ***An education session is planned for April - stay tuned for details.***

FH Substance Use Services Access Team – Getting Help has Become Easier

Please see attachment for details and referral information.