

THE PORT ALBERNI PCN CHECK UP

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Welcome to the third newsletter of the Port Alberni Primary Care Network. These monthly newsletters are intended to help to keep you informed of news and events from the Port Alberni Primary Care Network Team.

Annual Update!



Having had clinical resources in Port Alberni Primary Care clinics for 1 year now, we thought it would be a great time to let you know the progress made and upcoming services and activities.

In March 2023, our first RN in practice started in area clinics, with the second RN starting up a few months later. We are currently working to fill the final 2 RN in practice roles. In February 2024, we were excited to welcome our full-time clinical pharmacist, currently providing services to 3 area clinics. There will be one more expression of interest coming out this summer for the last nurse in practice allocation.

In fall 2023 and early 2024, we held 2 team-based care workshops available to all area caregivers and their clinic staff on maximizing Med-Access to streamline team-based care workflows. Watch for the next 2 upcoming team based care workshops in April and June. Our fantastic "Medicines for Building Relationship" series of workshops held with local area Elders have come to a close, but with more and more caregivers attending every week that they were offered, please do look out for announcements on opportunities to get involved in future cultural activities within our community.

Our Indigenous Community Health Centre committee has been meeting since the fall of 2023 to plan the development of this new, multi-disciplinary health center, which will aim to provide culturally safe team based care to the marginalized population in the downtown area. Space and staffing requirements are now completed, so this project moves into the next phase detailing the clinical service model and concurrently, securing existing space to start building the centre.

As always, our team is here to answer any questions on progress to date and upcoming work on the Port Alberni Primary Care Network!

Save THE Date

Indigenous Special Authority Pharmacy

Presentation

April 4th, 2024.6pm-8pm

The presentation will cover the following:

- Cultural safety related to medication access
- First Nations Health Benefits activation
- Pharmacare Plan W (Wellness): Overview, Over-the-counter benefits, non-drug benefits, frequently asked questions/misconceptions, coverage of products related to diabetes, special authorities
- FNHA Pacific Blue Cross Plan: Overview including introducing the fee supplement guide, wound care, Shingrix, nicotine replacement therapy, NIHB residual formulary

Attendance payable by Sessional.

Submit your questions and learn about Special Authority coverage from an Indigenous care pharmacist.



CME Event-Substance Use Treatment in Primary Care-Port Alberni

April 17, 2024-5:30pm-8:30pm

Time: 5:30pm registration & buffet dinner. 6:00pm-8:30pm event.

Location: RimRock Casino, 4890 Cherry Creek Rd, Port Alberni

Registration: Pre-registration is required to am.education@islandhealth.ca

Includes: Mainpro+ credits, compensated physician time through Island Health, and dinner.

MOA Corner

We will be reaching out to set a date and time for our first Zoom meeting shortly.

