

## MAC prescribing

We are pleased to inform the Port Alberni Primary Care Network (PCN) that Island Health pharmacists can now prescribe for Minor Ailments and Contraception (MAC) per BC College of Pharmacists guidelines.

This initiative allows pharmacists to offer timely treatment for 21 minor ailments such as nicotine dependence, uncomplicated UTIs, vaginal candidiasis, oropharyngeal candidiasis, etc. A pharmacist may only make a diagnosis or prescribe for one of these conditions if the patient's symptoms indicate that the condition:

Presents a low risk of masking an underlying disease, disorder or condition;  
Can be readily diagnosed without the need for laboratory or imaging tests; and  
Can be reasonably expected to resolve with only short-term or episodic treatment.

By leveraging the expertise of pharmacists, we aim to enhance patient care and streamline healthcare services within our network. We encourage all PCN primary care providers to connect with their PCN pharmacist to explore how this expanded role may seamlessly integrate into their clinic workflow.

Pharmacists will not be incorporating MAC into their practice without collaboration and support for this work from primary care providers.

For further information or to discuss how this initiative may benefit your practice, please reach out to your PCN pharmacist ([Taylor.Setterfield@islandhealth.ca](mailto:Taylor.Setterfield@islandhealth.ca)) or contact Island Health Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator ([Christina.Bui@islandhealth.ca](mailto:Christina.Bui@islandhealth.ca)).

Thank you for your collaboration as we continue to enhance healthcare delivery within our community."

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## PCN Governance Refresh

Did you know...

As of the April 1, 2024

PCN Governance Refresh

All Port Alberni Primary Care clinics are part of the Primary Care Network.(PCN)

Want to know more and what this means for your clinic. Please reach out to any of our team for more information

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PCN Coordinator Amanda Salvage: [asalvage@cidivision.ca](mailto:asalvage@cidivision.ca)

## Save THE Date

Team Based Care- Team Mapping

June 12 , 2024 6pm-8pm

Join Erin Lutz, Doctors of BC, Manager of Team Based Care and Practice Improvement Coach, and her team as they help us dive into Team mapping it can benefit providers who are already engaged in team-based care , or who are moving towards team-based care.

## Practitioner Connectors

Previously known as The Physician Connectors!

Practitioner Connectors are RN's and LPN's that are part of the Community Access Team. Their focus is on providing a single point of access for primary care providers to connect with Community Health Services (CHC).

The Connectors can help you provide referrals to CHS services and information/links on other relevant Island Health programs. They are here to assist closing the loop with practitioners and MOAs on inquiries and referrals.

Primary care offices can access the service Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm by calling one of these numbers:  
Center Island 250-739-5922

Questions? Contact Jill Fisher, Manager for Community Access, at email; [jillian.fisher@islandhealth.ca](mailto:jillian.fisher@islandhealth.ca).

## MOA Corner

PA MOA Network Meeting

May 28, 2024 6pm-7pm via Zoom

This meeting group is intended to provide Medical Office Assistants and Managers a space to:

- Network, collaborate, support and engage with peers
- The opportunity to plan and participate in learning opportunities for example: EMR training and enhanced billing
- The opportunity to receive up-to-date information on resources as they come available

*You will be paid to attend this event.*

If you have not received an invite and would like to attend, please message Amanda Salvage