

JANUARY 2016

Kootenay Boundary Division Dispatch

Welcome to KB's newest practitioners

A warm welcome to Kootenay Boundary's newest Division members including Dr. Liz Kruithof, Dr. Mahrous Mousa, Dr. Katie O'Connor and NP Jodie Steer.

Someone you know new and not on the list? [Please let us know!](#)

CLINICAL SUPPORTS AND CPD

IH MOST info and forms available on Pathways

Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment information for providers and patients as well as the new IH form are [now available here on Pathways](#) (Make sure you are logged in before clicking the link!)

Questions? Contact the Pathways Administrator, [Melissa Faraguna](#)

Need internal medicine advice quick?

Drs Segal, Tuvel and Holden encourage you to use the Rapid Access to Consultative Expertise telephone advice line 8am - 530pm Monday to Friday for Internal Medicine questions – **1-844-365-7223**

[Download the contact details for RACE](#) direct to your phone and/or computer (VCARD) for easy access.

New Asthma BC Guidelines

To enhance the quality and consistency of asthma treatment for patients across the care continuum, the Guidelines and Protocols Advisory Committee (GPAC) have updated the Asthma clinical practice guideline for BC's primary care practitioners.

[Asthma in Children - Diagnosis and Management](#) - provides guidance on asthma diagnosis and management for patients aged 1-18 years.

[Asthma in Adults - Recognition, Diagnosis and Management](#) – provides guidance on asthma diagnosis and management for adult patients aged ≥ 19 years.

For more information on BC Guidelines check out the website at:
www.bcguidelines.ca

Upcoming CPD

[Mental Health Collaborative Care Lunch-Time Group](#)

Led by Dr. Bassingthwaigte - Bring your MH cases
Tue 2 Feb 12:30 - 13:30: Medical Associates Clinic, Nelson OR
Teleconference

[UBC CPD Prostate Cancer Care Workshop - Part 1](#)

Led by Dr. Keith Merritt
Wed 17 Feb 18:00 - 21:00: Castlegar and District Community Health Centre Board Room

[Kootenay Conference - Accredited for up to 7 Mainpro-M1 credits](#)

Our biggest CPD event of the year
Fri 26 Feb 07:00 - 17:00: Prestige Mountain Resort, Rossland

Trail, Castlegar, Christina Lake and Grand Forks practitioners are invited to the Shared Care [Trail Kiro Diabetes Education Centre dinner, 530-830 Feb 4th, 2016.](#)

Come and meet the new Diabetes Interdisciplinary Team and learn about pumps, continuous glucose monitors and intensified insulin therapies.
Sessionals will be provided.

**LAST MINUTE FREE WEBINAR for Providers and Patients:
Dr Kenneth Craig, Changing priorities: The Socio-
Phsycho-Bio Model of Pain**

JANUARY 29th, 1pm: The webinar will have a focus on social determinants of pain and pain management.

[Click here more details and to register.](#)

EMPOWERING PATIENTS

New Videos from Burnaby Division Encourage Self Care

Making Sense of Symptoms and Screening Tests: 13 new videos to empower patients, [check them out on YouTube here.](#)

Top 3 Patient Resources on Pathways for January 2016

Login to Pathways before clicking the links

[Insomnia: Getting a Good Nights Sleep](#)

[Insomnia and anxiety in older people: Sleeping pills are usually not the best solution \(Choosing Wisely\)](#)

[DASH Diet for Hypertension](#)

OFFICE EFFICIENCY

Continued support for Doctors Technology Office

GPSC funding has been approved for the Doctors Technology office to continue providing centralized support to both general practitioners and specialists for:

- Coordination and enhancement of Electronic Medical Record (EMR) functionality and interoperability
- Technology solutions and support for complex IT technical issues
- Centralized data management and reporting needs

[Click here for more information.](#)

Physician Data Collaborative/Health Data Coalition

A new IT platform from the Health Data Coalition brings together the work of AMCARE and the Physician Data Collaborative, making it possible to aggregate and compare anonymized EMR data across hundreds of clinics and providers. The system works with any EMR, providing physicians with the information needed to guide improvements in patient care.

[Click here to view this short video outlining the system.](#)

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

IHA Restructure puts emphasis on primary and community care

President & CEO Chris Mazurkewich unveiled the [IHA restructure](#) late last year, including amalgamating 3 of the 4 current portfolios under [one led by Susan Brown](#). All to enable IHA to more effectively govern ministry direction for greater emphasis on primary and community care.

In an email to all staff in mid January, Mr. Mazurkewich outlined the five strategies that are to be IHA's top priority over the next three years, including:

- 1 Enhance access to appropriate primary health care.
- 2 Improve primary and community care outcomes and delivery for complex chronic conditions and frail clients.
- 3 Improve primary and community care outcomes and delivery for mental health and substance use clients.
- 4 Improve timely access to elective surgery.
- 5 Implement a renewed system of care to improve access and service quality across rural and remote communities, including continuing to build relationships with First Nations to ensure health care is provided in a culturally safe and sensitive way.

Given the new IHA structure and strategic direction, what on the ground changes in your daily relating with IHA would you prioritize to improve health care for your patients? – [Click here to contribute your opinion on the subject](#)