

Kootenay Boundary Division Dispatch

WELCOME

The Division team would like to offer a warm welcome to Dr. Cortney Shier and Dr. Trisha Goodman who have arrived and begun practicing in the Kootenay Boundary in recent weeks.

CLINICAL SUPPORTS

NEW BC Guideline - Special Endocrine Testing

Developed to provide recommendations to primary care practitioners for the appropriate use of selected endocrine hormone tests in patients aged ≥ 19 years, as well as, to help constrain inappropriate test utilization, particularly as it pertains to practices that are marketed as providing wellness and anti-aging services. [Click here to download the guideline](#)

50 EMR Forms Available for Clinics Using Profile

The EMR Optimization Project is ready to roll out 50 new EMR forms which clinics using Profile can embed in their EMR. A webinar for lead MOAs is planned for Dec 1st and [all information on embedding the forms can be found on Pathways](#).

5 Concrete Ways to Directly Affect Your Patients, Your Community and Your Practice

[Check out this video, highlighting some Division project work from 2015-16 and outlining five useful resources available to KB doctors through the Division.](#)

Top 3 Physician Resources On Pathways in October

- [Visiting Specialists to Kootenay Boundary](#)
- [Cardiovascular disease - CVD James McCormack Risk Calculator](#)
- [Angina Treatment Options \(Option Grid\)](#)

If you want to see a specific resource on Pathways or have a short tutorial session on the use of Pathways for your clinic, please contact Paul - pedney@divisionsbc.ca

Upcoming Events & CPD Opportunities

Addressing weight bias and stigma course

BalancedView is an evidence-informed resource designed to reduce weight bias and stigma among medical professionals, mental health professionals, allied health professionals and public health professionals across the province. [Click here for information.](#)

Clinician Quality Academy: 122 Mainpro+ Credits

Clinician Quality Academy is a professional development program delivered over an eight month period. The curriculum features content and learning modules that have been tailored to physicians, including a focus on clinical roles in leading quality and safety initiatives and an emphasis on case studies and peer learning. [Click here for more information.](#)

CASTED 2017: Save the date

CASTED for Emergency, Friday January 27, 2017

CASTED for Primary Care, Saturday January 28, 2017

Castlegar Health Centre - More details coming soon.

EMPOWERING PATIENTS

Top 3 Patient Resources Accessed Through Pathways Over the Summer Months

- [Grief and Bereavement BC Helpline](#)
- [Back Pain Exercises](#)
- [Antidepressant Skills Workbook - Dealing with Depression](#)

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TYPE 1 Diabetes Support Group

[Please share this poster](#) with patients/families who might be interested in joining the group or post it in your office – Kootenay Boundary wide.

Motherwise Support Groups for New Moms

Please share the relevant local poster with new mothers who you think would be interested in joining a mothers group in your area.

- [Boundary Motherwise \(Grand Forks\)](#)
- [Castlegar Motherwise](#)
- [Nelson Motherwise](#)
- [Trail Motherwise](#)

SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

Tell Your Government that Seniors Care Matters to You

ent Division Round Table, CMA President Dr. Granger Avery asked GPs to add their voice to 'Demand a Plan' for a National Seniors Strategy. [Please consider adding your voice -> demandaplan.ca](#)

Health Data Coalition Making Strides Using EMR Data to Help Improve Patient and Population Health Outcomes

Q: How is HDC aligned with government and doctor's priorities?

A: The HDC supports a learning health system and is designed to aggregate patient level data from individual physician practices, across disparate EMRs. Think of this data as a feedback mechanism with multiple benefits: to support self-reflective practice for the individual physician member, as well as evaluation of PSP learning modules, small group peer learning, division-led and provincial projects and BC Ministry of Health system planning and population metrics.

Check out [the full Q&A](#) with Health Data Coalition lead Dr. Bruce Hobson which outlines the importance of this initiative.

Then check out this [video on how the system will work in your practice](#).

ED <-> ICU Video Conferencing "Will Help Save Lives"

Video conferencing facilities between EDs in Nelson, Nakusp and New Denver are now live with the ICU in Trail. This success story was picked up by multiple news outlets around Kootenay Boundary. [Read all about it.](#)

PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT

Attracting the GPs Kootenay Boundary Needs 2016 Family Medicine Forum

KB Division took part in the Health Match BC led "Jobs in BC" booth at the recent Family Medicine Forum. Working together with fellow recruiters from around BC, this collaborative approach made connections with almost 400 physicians interested in our province. And KB representatives Dr. David Merry, Division Board Chair, and Sylvain Turgeon, Project Manager with the Division spoke at length with dozens of potential candidates. *Promising steps to ensure KB has the GPs it needs into the future.*

