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Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Thank you to those of you who were able to come and wish us a Merry Christmas at the Holiday Social on December 19th. We had a wonderful time and were able to provide door prizes to Bruce Newmarch, Brian Filek and Wayne Dong.

Very Good News

The Ministry of Health announced Feb 2nd they will continue support for all of the GPSC initiatives (including the Divisions & PSP program), Specialist Services Committee, Shared Care Committee, Rural Initiatives and PITO until March 31st, 2013 or until the Physician Master Agreement is finalized.

We are delighted to be able to continue serving our membership in the initiatives that are important to our community!

Member Survey & Beyond the MOU Event

You will be receiving a survey from our Division in mid-February. You will receive one hour sessional fee for completing the survey. Your input is essential to setting priorities for our Division's continued work.

The Beyond the MOU Event will be at the Accolades Dining Room on **February 28th** and includes a dinner in appreciation of our membership. Presentations will include a summary of the results from the survey and formulating priorities for the Division to work on over the next year. Registration is required by responding to your invitation or visiting the [Division website](#).

Locum Information

If you are looking for a locum, please contact the Division office to put your requests on our locum forum which is now available on our website. There are locums looking for positions posted on the forum already!

If you would like to fill a locum position, please check [the Locum Forum](#) and select the positions you are available for!

Upcoming Events

January 9th – Community Detox & Stabilization Program is now available.

February 28th – Membership Event for all Division members at the Accolades Dining Room at TRU.

March 24th and 25th – Management of Chronic Pain & Addiction Conference.

May – We will be participating in the Walk with your Doc program again this year, so watch for upcoming information!

Welcome to the Division

Over the last few months, there have been a few new members to the Division. Please welcome Dr. Ravi Sunder, Dr. Shauna Tsuchiya and Dr. Jennifer Thomas to Kamloops and the Division!

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As always, please email the Division at trdofp@telus.net if you need more information on any particular topic or wish to volunteer for something, anything!

Important Updates

Check out these important updates on the [Division website](#).

The Phoenix Center has a new Community Detox & Stabilization Program which will allow those who are medically well enough to continue their usual lifestyles while receiving substance withdrawal services. [Click here for information on the program or how to refer patients.](#)

The Physicians Data Collaborative Society of BC is holding 2 webinars on March 6th. Dr. Dee Mangin will be in attendance from the Pegasus Division in New Zealand, where they have done exciting work with their divisional data that has improved the lives of doctors and patients. [Details here.](#)

The RIH MAC meeting was held February 7th. [Meeting minutes are available here.](#)

Management of Chronic Pain & Addiction Conference

We are collaborating with Interior Health to provide the Management of Chronic Pain & Addiction Conference at the Delta Sun Peaks Conference Centre on March 24th & 25th. Some sessions at the Conference will include:

- How to Deal with the Difficult Patient with Pain Presentation
- Brief Intervention for Chronic Pain and Trauma
- Withdrawal Protocols you can Institute Safely from your Office
- Methadone Use for Addiction Management

Further information and registration details are on the [Division website!](#)

Community Care Tip of the Month

Perinatal Services – Community Integration Health Services (CIHS) & community partners offer a range of services to new moms and babies. These are only a few of their services. Please [click here](#) to see the full tip of the month from Perinatal Services!

The *CIHS Public Health Maternity Care program* nurses contact all new moms within 24-48 hrs of discharge. Assessments are done over the phone with home visit follow-up provided as required and/or for any family that requests a home visit. This program provides regular and ongoing liaison with RIH. Families are subsequently referred to generalist Public Health Nurses for ongoing healthy infant and child development support, anticipatory guidance, and other services including immunizations, dental, audiology, and speech services. Routine hearing screening for all newborns is provided by Public Health audiology at RIH prior to discharge.

Kamloops is one of the communities identified provincially to implement the *Nurse Family Partnership Program (NFP)* this spring. NFP is an evidence-based, standardized, voluntary home visiting program providing enhanced follow-up to mothers who meet specific criteria. Some criteria includes first-time mothers, less than 25 years of age, before their 28th week of pregnancy. Public Health RN's, Susan Cumming and Deb Wongs will provide regular and ongoing follow-up with families from the prenatal period until the child reaches the age of two. This program is part of a research study in partnership with SFU and MOH. CIHS will be consulting with physicians this winter and spring to discuss this new program and appropriate referral processes. Planning is ongoing to dovetail with an IH wide initiative to create a centralized pre-natal registry in order to identify families who are eligible for the NFP and other prenatal supports.

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