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Integration Update

Thank you for your recent participation in speaking with the Directors about how Integration can evolve in our community. There will be more opportunities for input and information provided to you over the coming months.

Recruitment/Locum Website

We recently sent out information about the new website. It is fully operational now and a great way for our community to reach physicians considering our area for locums or permanent positions. If you are planning to take time off over the next 16 months, plan to retire or find someone to take over a portion of your office, please post your opportunity on the website. Every position helps to show others that Kamloops is a great place to practice.

To post your job opportunity (locum or permanent position) or learn more about the website, go to <http://FamilyPracticeKamloopsArea.ca>.



New Psychiatrists

Welcome to Dr. Chaudhry Liqa Hussain and Dr. Bamidele Olabiyi! They have recently commenced a private practice in Kamloops, with a short waiting list. More information is [available here](#).

They can be reached at:

Phone: 778-471-5874

Fax: 778-471-5875

Fax 2: 778-471-2587

Centre for Complex Disorders/Dept. of Psychiatry

Please think about who might be appropriate for this clinic which will start Nov. 9 in Kamloops, opening at 10 a.m. They are welcoming your referrals. They need at least 3 patients for the first clinic. Referrals can be booked at MHSU, 250-377-6500.

This is a very helpful service to patients and their families. Further information is [available here](#).

Transitions in Care Project

A huge welcome to our new Transitions in Care Project Manager, Lisa Fuller. The Acute to Community Communications and Information Exchange Initiative regarding discharges for the frail elderly population is now underway. Some of the key objectives of this initiative are to define barriers in communication and transfer of information between physicians, between physicians and other healthcare providers as well as between acute and community health authority staff. The initiative will also test, evaluate and report on improvement areas. If you have questions on this initiative, Lisa would be happy to connect with you, ljfuller66@gmail.com.

Patient Passport - Diabetes Collaborative

The mission of the Diabetes Collaborative is to facilitate quality improvement changes over 12-15 months to make breakthrough improvements in the journey of care for adult persons living with Type 2 diabetes, both aboriginal and non-aboriginal.

Selected patients are being provided with patient passports as part of a trial to promote self-management. [Click here](#) for more information on how to support these patients in their use of the passport.

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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 and more on the [Division website](#).

The **Society of General Practitioners of BC** newsletter is available [here](#).

The RIH **MAC** meeting [minutes](#) are available [here](#).

Check out the **Provincial Division's** [newsletter](#) [here](#).

UpToDate Software Reminder

The knowledge system software UpToDate is now available free of charge to our members from the Provincial Division. You access the subscription through your member portal and can get instructions on how to register and more [details here](#). If you have already purchased UpToDate, you can also apply to be reimbursed. We hope this significant resource will be valuable in your family practice!

Upcoming Events

It is extremely busy at the Division and we want you to stay up to date and involved in important events and meetings. Please check in often at the [Division Home Page](#) and on the "News and Events" tab for a listing of upcoming meetings and events!

In Hospital Care Update

Goals for the present Memorandum of Understanding are presently being updated and will go through various channels including the Ministry of Health before being finalized. The next installment of MOU funding to those involved in providing "Most Responsible Physician" care to inpatients will be forthcoming once the goals have been finalized. Stay tuned for more updates!

Insulin Formulary Change

This initiative is a pilot within the Diabetes 3 year Strategy. Please find the Patient Safety Alert and other Trial information on the Division [website here](#). This pilot is within RIH only at this time and is effective October 30th.

Trial of a new physician insulin discharge prescription form – Hope is to help facilitate discharge insulin orders and communications with community pharmacy, GP and other outpatient care team members.

Trial (only a couple RIH units initially) of new hospital insulin patient information sheet – Objective is information for patients/families regarding the insulin changes that may have taken place while in hospital, merely FYI for them and to further share with GP or outpatient care teams after hospital discharge.

Parking!

The Systems Working Group's ongoing work to meet the needs of Division members has resulted in some great progress with the parking situation at RIH. [Click here](#) for information and pictures of the new spots that are available to you!

Welcome to the Division

Please welcome Dr. Hancke de Kock and Dr. Brenda Laupland to the Division!

Community Care Tip of the Month

The Community Integration Health Services team provides us with a Tip of the Month. This month is about P.I.E.C.E.S.

Increasing attention is being paid to the development of best practices for dementia and senior's mental health care. It is recognized that the Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms (BPSD) that can accompany dementias such as Alzheimer's disease can lead to increased utilization of acute care resources, antipsychotic medication and client/caregiver distress. The P.I.E.C.E.S. learning and development strategy (www.piecescanada.com) was developed to provide an approach to understanding and enhancing care for seniors with complex physical and cognitive/mental health needs and behavioral changes. This best practice tool has been taught throughout Canada over the past decade to many different sectors of the continuum of seniors mental health care ie. Acute, ER, residential and community.

Get the update on who they are and how they are working with our members in this [month's update!](#)