



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

**VERNON JUBILEE HOSPITAL  
PHYSICIAN SOCIETY**

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**2018 AGM**

**A Huge Success**

September was an exciting month for the Society. We held our second annual AGM that attracted a record number of physicians. The VJH Education rooms were bursting at the seams with individuals enjoying a hot catered breakfast, appreciation gifts and an awards presentation for physicians who completed a Facility Engagement Activity in 2017/2018. Dr. Scott Ainslie, the past President, reported on the tremendous work that had been done under his leadership and our new Executive were elected. Please welcome our new President, Dr. Kevin Wiseman, Secretary Treasurer, Dr. Michael Cooke, Vice President Dr. Kira McClellan and member at large, Dr. Adam Weathermon. Their strong leadership skills will propel the Society to a new level in 2019.

**Allied Health Education  
\$25,000 Budget**

Interested in a teaching role to provide education for allied health professionals, where no funding for such activity currently exists?

Want to enhance education for facility allied health professionals (nurses, RTs, social workers, etc.), to improve patient care, collaboration, efficiency and knowledge?

Dr. Lia Harris did just that by dedicating a tremendous amount of hours offering PALS education this past fall.

Dr. David Smith presented at the Kelowna Capri Hotel Social Work Practice Lead Conference on strategy of care for youth presenting to EDs with life threatening opiate overdoses.

On May 15th, 2018 Dr. Jody Snook taught nurses about pediatric health and then again during the Nursing Education day, held on November 23rd, she was present to answer questions, aid in discussion and present regarding PEWS fluids assessment.

These dedicated physicians exemplify the spirit of the Facility Engagement Initiative.



**Vernon Jubilee Hospital  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
Central Intake Update**

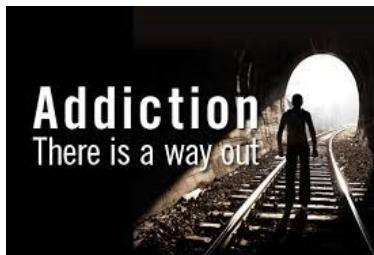
Central intake and patient point of contact has been identified at both the HA and Ministry level as a key strategy in improving patient care as it pertains to surgical services.

Such a process has been successfully developed and implemented across the province and in Interior Health. This activity engaged key players from Kamloops, Kelowna & Vernon during a dinner meeting. Guests shared their experiences in adopting a successful Central Intake program. "The outcome of this engagement opportunity empowered the VJH Orthopaedic group to adopt an EMR based Central Intake" stated the lead for the activity Dr. Paul Dooley. Additional implementation funding has been secured through SSC. A Project Manager is now involved in the planned implementation of the Central Intake that is planned to go live in the spring of 2019.



"I'd like a second opinion..."

## **Suboxone Treatment Training for Medical Staff**



The opiate crisis is a major public health crisis for our community.

The VJHPS will help address this crisis through a training incentive (1 hour session reimbursement) for completion of the BCCSU online module on opiate use disorder.

This is timely in that it will align with the new Opiate Withdrawal PPO rollout at our site this month, which now uses Suboxone as its main therapeutic.

<http://www.bccsu.ca/about-the-online-addiction-medicine-diploma/>

If you haven't already done so complete the opiate use disorder 1 hour module and submit your claim for reimbursement in FEMS.

## **Interdepartmental Enrichment Activity Success Story**

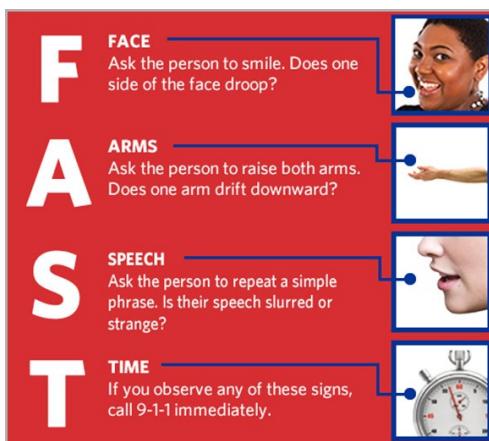
Facility Engagement is a provincial initiative that aims to strengthen relationships, engagement and communication between health authorities and facility-based physicians, dentists and midwives, to improve their work environment and the delivery of patient care.

Dr. Erica Casey gathered staff from Radiology, Emergency Medicine, Neurology, and Emergency Medical Services with the objective of holding interdisciplinary rounds. The goal was to educate health care providers involved with hyper acute CVA management on the recent changes in the 2018 Canadian

Best Practice guidelines.

Dr. Aleksander Tkach (a visiting KGH Neurologist) provided extensive information and expertise on pre-hospital management and screening of patients with signs and symptoms of CVA, emphasizing the importance of pre-hospital notification in hyper-acute CVA management.

Evidence was presented on the value of general population education on stroke signs and symptoms, efficient and timely emergency medical services (EMS) activation



and screening, pre-hospital notification and efficient emergency room physician (ERP) assessment upon arrival to the emergency department (ED). The objective of each of these was to have quicker door-to-door needle times for tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) administration.

A tour of the radiology unit was conducted to view where the CT scanner was located in relation to the emergency department. This was followed by a tour of the ED, review of its configuration, and discussion around ways to expedite patient arrival to the ED, and transport to the CT scanning suite.

### **Action and Outcomes:**

A VJH CVA Stroke Team Activation Code has been instituted into real time in our ED since this fall meeting and the Vernon working group has received provincial recognition

for its timely action and leadership in management processes.

"Education on this topic has updated our staff collectively and changed our practice as a group", states Dr. Casey. ERP's are now working on quicker door-to-needle times for (tPA), radiology is in agreement with CT + CT-A on all cases, which are quickly assessed by ERP's, and deemed appropriate Stroke Code activations, and patients are being transferred to VGH for endovascular therapy (EVT).

Overall, the objectives of the meeting were exceeded and we are already seeing practice changes in our ED. Healthcare providers involved in the management of CVA are up to date on guideline changes, which have rolled out, and have been put into practice. In turn, this is optimizing patient care and keeping with the latest best practices in Canada.

## **Website Under Development**

An extensive communication plan has been created for the Society identifying 4 key goals.

Goal #1 is to ensure that physicians, medical staff, and site administrators, clearly understand the purpose of the Facility Engagement Initiative, the role the Society plays, the opportunities and expectations for involvement by key stakeholders, and mechanisms to share Society successes at VJH.

A VJHPS Website Advisory Group, in consultation with the Executive and Working Group are developing a website for the Society, to be launched this spring.



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**Facility Engagement** is a provincial initiative that aims to strengthen working relationships between health authorities and facility-based physicians, to improve their work environment and the delivery of patient care. It involves:

- ◆ Better opportunities for physicians and health authority leaders to work together to share knowledge and make informed decisions that can improve patient care, the physician experience, and the cost-effectiveness of the health care system.
- ◆ Opportunities and support for physicians who work at facilities and are members of the medical staff to have a meaningful voice, and increased involvement in local activities that affect their work and patient care.
- ◆ Funding (via the Specialist Services Committee) to support activities that involve physicians in decision-making, and pay for physicians' time working on activities/committees.
- ◆ Creation of a physician society to enable the flow of funds to activities of the medical staff and to hire expertise to support the activities.

**Participation is open to all health authorities and facilities with acute care beds, and physicians, dentists, and midwives with privileges inside BC facilities who are members of the medical staff. Membership includes specialists.**

To get involved or learn more contact:  
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**Completed Activities****ATLS & ACLS Reimbursement**

- ◆ Clinical Research Event Jan 2018
  - ◆ Emergency/Hospitalist/Surgeon Event
  - ◆ Faculty Development Event
  - ◆ Family Physician Hospitalist Engagement Event
  - ◆ Hospitalist/Surgeon/ER Event
  - ◆ MRI Task Force
  - ◆ Optimize OR Booking Slates
  - ◆ OR Task Force
  - ◆ Perinatology Paediatrics Multi-disciplinary Review
  - ◆ Psychiatric Pod Area
  - ◆ STRUC Training Reimbursement
  - ◆ Surgery Time of Day Quality Improvement
  - ◆ VJH Orthopaedic Surgery Central Intake
  - ◆ VJH Family Residency Program
- ◆ Facility Call Broadcasting Standardization Project
  - ◆ Fine Wire Localization
  - ◆ Hospitalist Survey
  - ◆ IMG Anesthesiologist RC Exam Preparation Reimbursement
  - ◆ Inter-Society Sessional Reimbursement
  - ◆ M&M Catering Reimbursement
  - ◆ MRI Implementation & Planning
  - ◆ MSP Coverage
  - ◆ Measuring Growth of General Surgery volumes over 10 years compared to Population Growth
  - ◆ Physician Lounge Refurbishment
  - ◆ Physician Recruitment
  - ◆ Purchasing Scheduling Software
  - ◆ Quality-Access to Pulmonary Function Lab
  - ◆ Reducing Redundant Lab Testing
  - ◆ Resuscitation Simulations (SIMS) Training
  - ◆ Suboxone Treatment Training
  - ◆ Uncharted/Missed Documents from VJH-Community MDs
  - ◆ Uncompensated Committee Work

**Underway**

- ◆ Allied Health Education
- ◆ CHF Re-admission
- ◆ Clinical Medical Education (CME)
- ◆ Departmental/Interdepartmental Enrichment Meetings