



## **Summer News 2019 - Hot Off the Press**



## **ENTER TO WIN!**

The Vernon Jubilee Physician Society has launched a **NEW WEBSITE** with an abundance of **resource** material for your use. Find forms and details on activities that will help you with submitting your claims. Bookmark this link for future quick reference <https://www.vernonphysiciansociety.ca/> **Fill out the survey on the website home page and enter your name to win a brand-new iPad Air.**

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### ***Exciting Event! September 26, 2019***

Register you and your spouse for a fun filled night out, click here:

<https://www.vernonphysiciansociety.ca/events/>.

We are spicing up the **Annual General Meeting** this year with two world renown entertainers.

Enjoy live music and dancing with Jon Bos <http://www.jonbosrocks.com/>





...and be ready to laugh “out loud” with the hilarious entertainment from Ventriloquist Don Bryan.

Register early as space is limited. With every registration, your name will be entered for a chance to win a brand-new iPad Air.

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## NEW ACTIVITIES UPDATE



In June, the VJHPS Working Group approved two new activities presented by Dr. Hamish Hwang.

**Centralized Booking pilot for Hernia Surgery**, will look at reducing wait times for inguinal and umbilical hernia surgery by booking patients on OR slate of first available surgeon after consultation.

The second activity, **Centralized Booking Pilot for Endoscopy**, will be a pilot study to see if wait times for colonoscopy can be reduced by reassigning patients after consultation to the first available endoscopist.

Read the full story on our website by clicking [here](#).



## UNCHARTED MISSED DOCUMENTS UPDATE

Lead by Drs. Cunningham and Dippenaar, this committee has had several meetings with Richard Harding and representatives from the Diagnostic Imaging and Laboratory Departments. Phase one of this project focused on reducing the number of reports from Imaging that were being sent to the wrong physician creating confusion and inefficiencies.

Read more on phase one on our website by clicking [here](#).

As a result of the excellent work by the Diagnostic Imaging group, lead by Travis Thompson, almost a complete reduction of errors has been achieved. Phase two will be to consult with the Laboratory Department to determine whether the same positive results can be achieved.

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### **Alternate Level of Care (ALC) Presentation & Dinner Meeting**



An education session was held on July 4, 2019, designed for physicians to gain a greater understanding of **Alternate Level of Care (ALC)** Designation. The objective of the meeting was to help support healthy relationships between physicians and front-line staff, specifically the Patient Care Coordinators and Transition Liaison Nurses.

The aim of this education session, designed for physicians, was to gain a greater understanding of the ALC designation and to provide a venue to discuss how it impacts physicians.

The meeting was well received by the physicians attending, and future meetings are planned for this fall.

To read details of the presentation on our website click [here](#).

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### **The MRI is Coming!**

An impressive turnout of 55 physicians attended this informative dinner presentation. Dr. Adam Weathermon and Monique Walkinshaw gave two excellent presentations:

- 1.) All about MRI at VJH – indications
- 2.) MRI safety and choosing wisely

Dr. Weathermon has been invited to do the same presentation in Salmon Arm.



Their presentations can be found on our website by clicking [here](#).

Thank you to the SNO Divisions of Family Practice for co-sponsoring this event. Stay tuned for another presentation closer to the opening of the MRI in September.

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### **New Funding Guidelines**

The Facility Engagement Initiative falls under the umbrella of the Doctors of B.C. Specialist Services Committee, who recently updated the funding guidelines for the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Physician Society.

**Click here to see if your ideas qualify for funding:**

<https://www.vernonphysiciansociety.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/SSC-Facility-Engagement-Funding-Guidelines-June2019.pdf>

**Go into the new website and submit a new activity for funding--click this link:**



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