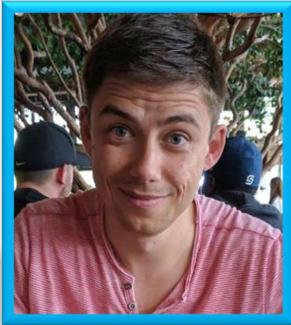


Proudly Announces Physician, Midwife or Nurse Practitioner of the Month

Staff Physician – April 2021



Dr. Michael “Misha” Horkoff

General Surgery

The VJHPS is pleased to announce **Dr. Michael “Misha” Horkoff as the April 2021 Physician of the Month**. We salute Dr. Horkoff for exemplifying the qualities of an excellent physician, and we are pleased to have Dr. Horkoff as a new and respected member of our medical staff since July 2020.

Background and Training

- Residency: General surgery, University of Calgary
- Medical School: University of BC

Nominator's Comments (Dr. Laurent Gagne-Brosseau):

Dr Misha Horkoff started working at VJH in 2020. He grew up in Nelson, BC, and is happy to be back in the Okanagan after spending many years away from home. Since he started practicing last July, he has already brought some change and updates to some of the neo adjuvant pathways used to treat breast cancer patients. He is also actively involved in the process of updating surgical equipment. Dr Horkoff is happy to help, easy to get a hold of, and efficient. We look forward to seeing what other ideas he will bring to the table to help the continued improvement of patient care in Vernon.

1. **Do you have kids?** Not yet, but soon team Horkoff will have a new member as Misha and his wife are expecting a little girl in May 2021.
2. **Do you play any sports?** Yes, mainly golf, and skiing. He is also an avid fan of hiking and camping trips. He recommends to all the West Coast Trail on Vancouver Island which he previously completed with his family.
3. **What are some random facts that not many people would know about you?** For those who hadn't spontaneously thought of it, “Horkoff” is actually a Russian name, and he does speak some Russian (don't hesitate to call him for extensive translation services). He is also an avid indoor and outdoor gardener (and I suspect some plants have been surgically grafted in most innovative ways).
4. **If you could eat only one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Quarter pounder with cheese, if not for the health consequences obviously (good thing there are surgeons though).
5. **If you were a superhero, what powers would you have?** Flying would be his power of choice (there's a trend here for those who remember last month).
6. **If you could teleport to any place in the world, where would you go?** Back to Hawaii to spend more time on the beautiful island of Maui
7. **What is your favorite book?** “Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood,” by Trevor Noah is his top recommendation.
