

## Proudly Announces the Physician, Midwife or Nurse Practitioner of the Month for May 2022



### Dr. Mathilde “Tilly” Buys

#### Anaesthesiology

The VJHPS is pleased to announce **Dr. Tilly Buys as May's 2022 Physician of the Month**. We salute Dr. Buys for exemplifying the qualities of an excellent physician, and we are pleased to have her as a respected member of our medical staff community.

#### Background and Training

MD: Stellenbosch, South Africa

Residency: University of Stellenbosch

Fellowship: Cardiac anaesthesiology, University of Toronto

#### Nominator's Comments (Dr. David Spicer):

Growing up in a house of medicine (her father was an internist) Dr. Tilly Buys had early exposure/interest in medicine as a career. This was further solidified by reading medical thrillers most notably Robin Cook as a young teenager. In my opinion, she should have chosen to follow her father's medical path, (FYI written by Dave Spicer), but she settled on pursuing a career in anaesthesiology.

Tilly completed medical school at Stellenbosch in South Africa. She went on to complete residency at Stellenbosch, then made the long journey to Canada where she completed an advanced fellowship in cardiac anaesthesiology at the University of Toronto which she completed in 2018.

Tilly and her husband Willem (also an anesthesiologist) decided to hang their shingles in Vernon, relocating here in March of 2019. Since moving here they have welcomed their first child, Louisa who is not described as a “16-month old tornado.” Outside of working and chasing Louisa around her house, Tilly enjoys cooking, reading, sewing, and knitting. She also recently completed her first half-marathon and is starting to dabble in trail running. True to her South African roots the one meal that she would choose would be a big braai (South African BBQ) with friends and good wine, and the number one place she would teleport to would be Cape Town.

Tilly has been instrumental in setting up the peri-operative clinic in Vernon which is where I met and worked with her. She is hard working, dedicated, and always looking to improve overall care in our hospital. She listed the favorite part of her job as working with all the amazing people involved with surgical service delivery in Vernon. A special shout out was given to **Amanda Korb**, and her husband Willem who bring her chocolate and tea (read Tilly's **special recognition** of Amanda below).

## ***Special Recognition***

### **Amanda Korb**

#### **PCC Surgical Day Care**



From an early age Amanda had a keen interest in Biology and numbers, but ultimately decided to follow in her mom's footsteps and become a nurse. As an avid basketball player (she studied on a sports scholarship!), she completed her nursing degree at the University of Lethbridge but was drawn to BC by her high school sweetheart (now husband). After a quick 2-year stint up in Burns Lake, the deep lakes and endless wineries in the Okanagan lured the couple to Vernon in 2002. Amanda is a proud mom to two beautiful kids – Ryen (12) and Zane (16 going on 17).

Amanda very accurately describes herself as “friendly”, “fun”, and a “people’s person”. She finds her motivation and job satisfaction in helping patients in their darkest hour, hoping to make a potentially terrible day a little better. Always being drawn to clinical nursing, she loves being called over to the floor for difficult IV starts (let this be known far and wide!) and she is not shy to roll up her sleeves and become an admissions clerk, porter or therapist if this is what is required to make the process work a little bit smoother that day. Amanda has two besties at work that keep her on the straight and narrow – Kim and Cheryl. They tease, torture and joke around just enough to make Amanda’s life more colourful and wanting to come back for more. She wouldn’t be able to be the amazing leader she is without them.

Outside of work, Amanda loves alpine skiing in winter, and anything to do with water in summer – kayak, swim, floating, stand up paddle boarding. Her favourite hobby though is being a mommy taxi for her two darlings. If she could teleport anywhere on earth, it would be to Fiji, eating endless variations of Sushi for the rest of her days – poke bowls, sashimi, maki, handrolls, California rolls, edamame... you get the idea. Num num.

Thank you Amanda for being a true leader, supporter and one of the hardest workers I have crossed paths with. Your dedication to your unit, staff, patients and us in OR are what keeps the boat afloat and more importantly, makes the perioperative pathway for our patients safe and as pleasant as possible. It is an absolute pleasure to work with you and an honour to call you my colleague. I salute you!

*--Dr. Tilly Buys*