



Chase Excellence

October 2022
Newsletter



NEWSFLASH: Upcoming VJH Virtual Grand Rounds

"Anti-microbial Stewardship Update 2022"
Presenter: Dr. Edith Blondel-Hill, FRCPC Medical Microbiology/Infectious Diseases and Medical Director of IH's Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

November 3, Thursday, 8:00 - 9:00 am via Zoom

[More info and Zoom link here...](#)



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY:

RESET 2022 - The conference for physicians & health care professionals
Friday, October 21

Featuring four internationally recognized speakers, the **RESET 2022 Conference** explores how modifications in our own behavior and communication style can have a profound impact on workplace culture, patient care and our own well-being. It's about resetting priorities, boundaries and the way we interact with others as a strategy for addressing the biggest issue facing those working in healthcare: **BURNOUT**.

Discounted rates for VJH physicians.
Deadline to register: October 16



[Full conference details and registration link here...](#)

THE ANNUAL BANQUET IS BACK!

VJH Medical Staff Association Gala Dinner & Dance Saturday, November 5

Vernon Prestige Hotel & Conference Centre

Dress up in your finest and reacquaint yourselves with your colleagues while enjoying dinner, award presentations and musical entertainment. Tickets \$50 each.

Also back is the **TALENT SHOWCASE**. We know you are amazing doctors but, let's face it, we all have other skills. What are yours? Are you a thespian? Do you sing, dance, play an instrument, juggle, twirl a baton? Do you run marathons, climb mountains, fly planes, take amazing photos, paint pictures, hook rugs, fix classic cars...you get the idea.

Sign up for a table or a spot on stage to showcase what you do. All hobbies and talents are encouraged...share them with us!

RSVP required before October 28: [Click for tickets](#)



Meet the VJH Physician Society Team

This September, the VJH Physician Society welcomed two new members to its Working Group:

Dr. Derek Rajakumar and **Dr. Kathryn MacKinlay** representing Pediatrics.

Our appreciation and thanks to outgoing member Dr. Lia Harris for her contribution to the Working Group.

Thank you to our current members who continue to represent you into next year (in alphabetical order):

Executive Board:

Dr. Marius Aucamp, *Director at Large, Hospitalist Medicine*
Dr. Yann Brierley, *Vice President, Lab Medicine*
Dr. Jason Doyle, *Sec/Treasurer, Lab Medicine*
Dr. Richard Harper, *MSA Representative, Family Medicine*
Dr. Kira McClellan, *President, Family & Hospitalist Medicine*

Working Group:

Dr. Chris Cunningham, *Family Medicine*
Dr. Noha Fossen, *Obstetrics & Gynecology*
Dr. Laurent Gagne-Brosseau, *Diagnostic Imaging*
Dr. Leanne Hewitson, *Emergency Medicine*
Dr. Kallie Honeywood, *Anaesthesiology*
Dr. Misha Horkoff, *Surgery*
Dr. Francois Pretorius, *Psychiatry*
Dr. Shannon Rourke, *Family Medicine*
Dr. David Spicer, *Internal Medicine*

Team Support:

Sharon Hughes-Geekie, *VJHPS Program Director*
Maja Keast, *VJHPS Admin Support*
Cheryl Drewitz-Chesney, *Engagement Partner*

[Read some of the team member's profiles here](#)

NEWSFLASH:
Level 2 Learning Opportunity

Next steps in the QI journey...
November 23 virtual (6 hours) - sessional funding available.
Others who are not physicians are also welcome!

[Register here](#)



IH Physician Quality Improvement
Introduction to QI – Level 2
A Virtual Learning Session

Take the next step in your QI journey...
Learn to apply fundamental QI tools and skills to improve patient care, teamwork and job satisfaction through this interactive and **accredited** learning session!

Interested in Quality Improvement?

Register today!

- Sign up for one of these dates - May 5th, June 29th, Sept 21st, Nov 23rd
- Length of virtual session 1 day (6 hrs)
- Sessional Funding Available

CLICK THE PIC...  OR 

INVITE A FRIEND! Quality improvement is a team sport.
Bring your team, non-physicians welcome!

Contact: pqi@interiorhealth.ca 

NEWSFLASH:
Fabulous Fun BBQ 2022

The ever-popular VJH Medical Staff Association fall BBQ entertained more than 100 attendees this year enjoying bocce ball, mini golf, hula-hooping, and **The Great Canadian Shoe Toss!**

[See who won this year's scavenger hunt plus view more photos here](#)



**ALLIED HEALTH MEMBER RECOGNITION:
Ruth Maw, RN**

Problem solving and partaking in cerebral activities are amongst VJH Shift Coordinator Ruth Maw's favourite parts of her job.

[Read about Ruth here](#)



"The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let things go"
~ Unknown



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