

## Happy New... Beginnings!

January 2023 Newsletter



### **NEWSFLASH:** Upcoming VJH Virtual Grand Rounds

**"Collateral Damage: The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Severity of Abdominal Emergency Surgery at a Regional Hospital"**

**Presenter: Dr. Hamish Hwang, FRCSC FACS**

**February 2, Thursday, 8:00 - 9:00 am via Zoom**

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



### **NEWSFLASH:** CME Rescheduled to March 2

**"Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Why They Matter to You"**

**Presenter: Dorothee Birker, Communications & Development Coordinator at KCR Community Resources**

Previously set for January 5 but subsequently rescheduled to **March 2, Thursday, 8:00 - 9:00 am via Zoom**

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



**NEWSFLASH:**

**January Medical Staff Member of the Month**

We are pleased to announce **Birte Paschen, Registered Midwife** as the January 2023 VJH Medical Staff Member of the Month.

Birte joined the VJH Department of Women's and Children's Health Services in 2016.

[Read her story here...](#)



**NEWSFLASH:**

**Compassionate Leadership Training  
Full funding available**

Led by Shawn and Heather Atleo, the Atleo Compassionate Leadership initiative blends Indigenous and western pedagogy and knowledge to promote a leadership philosophy, approach, and skills program that highlights the importance of leading from compassion in clinical and leadership practice. Based in knowledge and philosophies of interconnectedness and relationality, the training is delivered to cohorts of clinicians and leaders in and connected to BC's health system. Workshops are co-created with cohorts as they form.

**There is no cost to attend** - participants will be reimbursed for approved travel and accommodation costs, and physicians will receive sessional payment for time spent in sessions

For more details, [click here...](#)



**NEWSFLASH:**

**More Money!!**

As of January 1st, 2023, the rate will increase **from \$158.97 to \$160.23 per hour** when participating in JCC meetings and activities. This includes claims made through FEMS for VJH Physician Society activities. On April 1st, there will be another rate increase of 5.5% and will be paid \$169.04 per hour.

Note that the raise in rates will only apply to activities that take place from January 1, 2023 onwards (there will be no retroactive increase). **Remember to**



submit your claim in FEMS within 90 days of the activity date. Don't mi\$\$ out!

[Click to submit a claim now.](#)

**NEWSFLASH:**  
**Virtual Peer Support Group For BIPOC Doctors**

BC doctors who are Black, Indigenous, and people of colour (BIPOC) are invited to register for a new virtual peer support group offered by the Physician Health Program, beginning in 2023.

[For more information and registration, click here...](#)



**NEWSFLASH:**  
**Welcome to our new Engagement Partner - Victoria Wilson**

Vicky is Vernon's new SSC team Facility Engagement partner replacing Cheryl Drewitz-Chesney who has now accepted a role at Doctors of BC as Initiatives Design Liaison with the Primary and Community Care Transformation Team.

Vicky started her medical career in 1993 where she served as a Combat Medic with the British Army. She had several overseas deployments and worked in a variety of different areas of medical care and support.

During her military careers she developed a love for cross country skiing and represented both the Army and Great Britain in Biathlon. In 2007 following the birth of her eldest daughter she left the military and emigrated to Canada with her family.

Vicky settled in Golden BC where she was employed as the Clinical Staff Manager for the Golden Medical Clinic. She worked closely with the physicians supporting them in a variety of ways including improving service and access for patients and workplace efficiency.

In December 2020, she took a position as a long-term care manager with a not-for-profit organization and relocated with her two daughters to Vernon. Outside of work, Vicky loves to spend time with her family getting outside, hiking, mountain biking and skiing, or relaxing at home with family and a good book. She is looking forward



to getting to know the Vernon team and supporting us as our Engagement Partner effective January 3, 2023.

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