



Live, Work, Create!

April 2023 Newsletter



NEWSFLASH:

April Medical Staff Member of the Month

We are pleased to announce **Dr. Adam Weathermon**, Diagnostic Radiologist, as the April 2023 VJH Medical Staff Member of the Month.

Dr. Weathermon joined the VJH Department of Medical Imaging in 2014.

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



NEWSFLASH:

MEDICAL STAFF DUES

VJH Medical Staff Association Dues for 2023-24: Reduced and Payable

Food, housing, and gas prices have all gone up but this year physicians, midwives, dentists and nurse practitioners will be paying significantly less for mandatory VJH Medical Staff dues.

A motion to reduce dues from \$300 to \$200 for Active and Provisional members, and from \$150 to \$100 for Associate, Locum, Consulting, and Temporary members was passed unanimously April 10.



MSA dues pay for educational opportunities, social events, food at departmental meetings, contributions to local charities, high school scholarships and representation through the VJH Physician Society and MSA board.

Physicians:

Active, Provisional = \$200

Associate, Locum, Consulting, Temporary = \$100

Midwives, Nurse Practitioners, Dentists = \$100

[Click to pay your dues now...](#)

SOME TIMELY ADVICE

In order to align Facility Engagement with Doctors of BC claims policy, claims and expenses MUST be submitted within 90 days of the date of activity or expense incurred or they cannot be approved.

WHAT HAS CHANGED: Effective April 1, 2023, claims and expenses submitted more than the 90-day deadline will be declined with a comment included that the claim window has been exceeded.

Late claims can only be approved due to medical disability or debility and will be evaluated by the CEO of Doctors of BC for payment. Claims more than 12 months old will not be paid.

The key date that is used to trigger the 90 days is the date that the expense or work occurred, not the start or end date of the engagement activity.

Example: A claim for work or an expense that occurs on September 1 must be submitted by November 30 to be paid (unless the claim is submitted under exceptional circumstances as above).

In order to be eligible to be paid for your valuable work in Facility Engagement, please ensure that you always submit your activity claims within 90 days.

[**Click to enter a claim now....**](#)



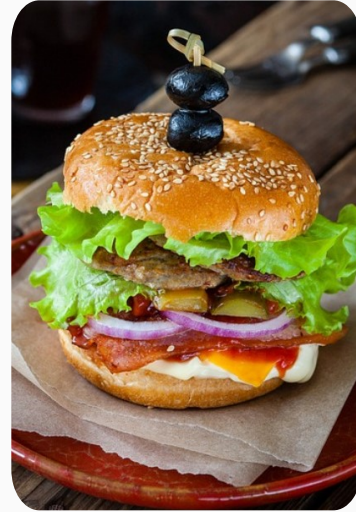
**NEWSFLASH:
LET'S EAT!**

Funding for monthly department meeting catering is now available as of April 1, 2023.

Departments are requested to organize their own food purchase and delivery for their monthly meetings. Funding is through the VJH Medical Staff Association and is set according to the **Tier** levels noted below. Please email a request for reimbursement (along with a copy of the receipt) to programdirector@vernonphysiciansociety.ca Funds will be e-transferred directly to the person submitting the receipt. Spending will be tracked for each department. Bon Appetit!

Tier 1: Family Practice, Hospitalists, Surgery and Emergency = \$2500 annual limit

Tier 2: All other departments = \$1500 annual limit



Walk with your **Doc**

**NEWSFLASH:
Looking for Docs to Walk the Talk**

Each year in May doctors host walking events in their communities. The walks are a fun and simple way to get patients and community members moving, and to discuss the benefits of daily activity with them in an informal, social setting. "[Walk with your Doc](#)" is the Doctors of BC public health campaign that gets people moving, builds community relationships, and shows that BC doctors Walk the Talk.

Join Dr. Jean Flanagan and Dr. Mike Murphy on May 10 at Polson Park from 12:00 - 1:00 pm for Vernon's **Walk with your Doc** event or just spread the word to your patients.

[Request posters for your office or get involved here...](#)



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Register Today for Quality Forum 2023!

Registration for Quality Forum 2023 is now open! Join us for three days of learning, sharing and engaging in discussions about how to improve quality across the continuum of care.

Quality Forum 2023 will once again feature a pre-Forum day, complete with several full-day sessions for you to choose from, as well as our annual evening event Health Talks. The main two days will include three inspiring plenary speakers, a passionate debate, interactive breakout sessions on a variety of topics, and more than 170 storyboard and rapid fire presentations that highlight the work being done to improve quality of care across the province.

For this year's theme, we chose three words – connect, energize, achieve – to illustrate what we hope participants will take away from the event. Quality Forum 2023 will bring people together to listen, learn and reignite our shared goal of improving BC's health system, a goal we can achieve through connection and community.

[Click for more info or to register...](#)

"Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card, and the way you make others feel is your trademark."

~ Jay Danzie

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