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HPCN Updates

From your Board Chair

The ACDC Physicians Ltd. Board Meeting was held this last Monday - November 19, 2018. A number of items were discussed that may be of interest

to you:

- Dr. Dianne Smith was acclaimed as Board Chair for the second year. We elected a new Vice President - Dr. Fozia Alvi - with Dr. Elmezhugi and Dr. DeWaal staying on as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.
- Micheline Nimmock provided the Board with a review of the Board manual and decisions made by the Board over the past year. She also discussed the PCN Tactical Plan.
- The Board requested that the PCN team send a summary of the Draft Business Plan to all members. All Board Directors feel that physicians should have the opportunity to provide feedback. A [survey](#) is included in this newsletter!
- Over the next several months, the Highland PCN will be working to bring us to compliance with the changes in the Occupational Health and Safety legislation. We will be working with our clinics to ensure this process runs as smoothly as possible.
- Recruitment for a new Executive Director was discussed and a process has been established. We approved the ED job description and compensation package. The position will be posted in the New Year.
- Our next board meeting will be on Monday, December 17, 2018.

As always, please contact me at board.chair@hpcn.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Calgary Zone Initiatives



Specialist **LINK**
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Sports Medicine comes to Specialist LINK

Sports medicine tele-advice is available now for physicians who need support for conditions including the following:

- Diagnosis and management of acute, chronic and degenerative musculoskeletal problems including
 - Tendon and ligament injuries/ruptures
 - Joint instability

- Compartment syndromes, bone stress injuries
- Osteoarthritis
- Concussion
- Injury prevention
- Prescription of exercise and physical activity for chronic disease management

*Please note: This includes patients of all ages and those with disability. Injuries do not need to be sports-related.

Conditions not appropriate for this service include acute or chronic bone fractures, post-surgical complications and bone, joint and soft tissue infections. To request sports medicine advice, physicians should call Specialist LINK at **403-910-2551** or toll-free at **1-844-962-5465**, from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and press 1-5. Calls are returned within one hour. Physicians or staff should leave a direct line or cellphone for the physician to be reached at and make sure the physician has the patient's personal health number at hand.



Specialist *LINK*
Linking Physicians

Chronic diarrhea, sleep apnea and respirology pathways on Specialist LINK

A complete list of the available clinical care pathways, by specialty, is listed below:

- **ENDOCRINOLOGY:** Access pathway, thyroid nodules
- **GASTROENTEROLOGY:** Chronic constipation, chronic diarrhea, dyspepsia, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), helicobacter pylori, irritable bowel syndrome
- **GENERAL NEUROLOGY:** Access pathway, diabetic peripheral neuropathy, enhanced vertigo, headache and migraine, suspected essential tremor, suspected Parkinson's disease (enhanced)
- **HEPATOLOGY:** Enhanced non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD)
- **RESPIROLOGY:** Access pathway, sleep apnea
- **RHEUMATOLOGY:** Access pathway, enhanced gout, peripheral arthritis

Access other resources via Specialist LINK [here](#).

Family physicians can call **403-910-2551** or toll-free at **1-844-962-5465**, from

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for chronic pain), excluding statutory holidays. Calls are returned within one hour.

Partner News

Continuity of Care: CII/CPAR? What is it?

Community Information Integration (CII) is a system that transfers select patient information between community Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) and other members of the patient's care team through Alberta Netcare. The Central Patient Attachment Registry (CPAR) is a provincial system that captures the confirmed relationship of a primary provider and their paneled patients. Together CII/CPAR will enable the health system integration and improved continuity of care that are essential and foundational change elements in the implementation of the Patient's Medical Home.

CII/CPAR is live in early adopter clinics using the Healthiest EMR from Microquest but will be implemented in other EMRs as well. For more information, please see the [CII-CPAR Information brief](#).



Hepatology actively seeking Hepatitis C patients

Due to wait times being lower than average, the Hepatology Central Access & Triage (CAT) is seeking patients with Hepatitis C. Please consider screening your patients.

Who needs to be screened for Hepatitis C?

- Baby boomers (born between 1945-75)
- Any history of injection drug use (IVDU)
- Living or having lived in an endemic area (Central, East and South Asia, Australia and Oceania, Eastern Europe, Sub-Saharan and Northern

Africa, Middle East)

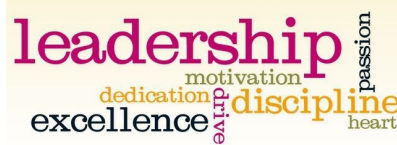
- Exposure to contaminated blood or blood products or organ transplantation before 1992 in Canada.

More information, including how to screen for Hepatitis C and the Virology request form is available [here](#).

Questions and concerns from members

Where can we access the AHS referral for home care?

The Alberta Health Services (AHS) Community Care Access referral form is [here](#). We have also added it under the 'Additional Resources' section at the end of these newsletters.



Your input in the Business Plan

At this year's Annual General Meeting, our physician members indicated that we need better two-way communication so physician members feel heard. We heard you and are committed to providing you with opportunities for input.

We would like your input into the 2019-2022 Business Plan. Provisionally approved by our Board of Directors, this business plan itemizes our priority service areas and what we are planning to do in them.

We have summarized the key points of the business plan in order to make providing input easier. Access the survey [here](#). The survey will be open until end of day Monday, December 3, 2018.

If you have any questions, please email communications@hpcn.ca.

Additional Resources

PCN resources for physicians

We have created this section in our bi-weekly Thursday newsletter and on our website under hpcn.ca/resources for physician members as a tool to access frequently used Highland PCN forms.

Community Care (Home Care) Referral Form

Health Improvement Program (HIP) - Online Referral Form

Health Improvement Program (HIP) - Print Referral Form

Chronic Pain Referral Form

Specialty Health Team Referral Form

Physician Service Invoice

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