

# Medical Staff Newsletter

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## **Updates and Reminders:**

### **1. Two New Feature Enhancements Available on CareConnect in the Labs Domain**

Following the initial enhancements to the CareConnect Labs Domain shared in the [March 25 Medical Staff Newsletter](#), there have been two new features to the Labs Cumulative View.

The new features include an additional 21 Test Types and background loading support – meaning you can use other areas of CareConnect while Lab Cumulative View results are processed in the background. The full feature details are available under [‘What’s New’ on the CareConnect page on phsa.ca](#)

These enhancements have been inspired by feedback from oncology care teams and are delivering broader value across clinical workflows for all CareConnect health authority and community-based users.

To learn more about the Digitally Connected Cancer Care workstream, you can read the latest story on POD [here](#).

If you have questions on this workstream, please reach out to [connectedcancercare@phsa.ca](mailto:connectedcancercare@phsa.ca).

## 2. Update to the Provincial Violence Prevention Curriculum for Medical Staff

The online Provincial Violence Prevention Curriculum for Medical Staff (PVPC-P) has been updated to reflect current best practices in workplace safety.

This 1.5-hour eLearning course is designed specifically for medical staff — including physicians, medical residents, nurse practitioners, dentists, and midwives — and addresses the unique roles, environments, and risk levels they may encounter.

Participants will strengthen their skills in violence prevention, including how to:

- Recognize risks and behaviours
- Assess and plan appropriately
- Respond effectively to risk
- Report and communicate after an incident

Developed in partnership with physicians, the updated curriculum helps enhance safety by preventing violent incidents and equipping medical staff with strategies to protect themselves, their colleagues, and their patients.

The course is eligible for 1.5 CPD credits for physicians. [Register here](#).

For questions or more information, contact the Office for Medical Staff Safety and Wellbeing (OSWELL) team at [OSWELL@phsa.ca](mailto:OSWELL@phsa.ca)

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## Upcoming Events and Courses:

### 3. May 12: Provincial Critical Care Grand Rounds

Held in a hybrid format each month (Zoom and at VGH), the Critical Care Grand Rounds series focuses on a variety of topics relevant to urban, regional and rural health-care settings. Sessions highlight current research and emerging evidence in critical care practice, helping you stay up to date to help improve patient outcomes.

Sessions are open to all who are interested in critical care-related research and practice. Hosting partners include Critical Care BC, the CEREBRI Research Cluster, and the UBC Division of Critical Care Medicine. Together, organizers are building a community of research, practice and knowledge sharing in BC.

The next session, “**Not Just ‘Acquired’: Pre-Existing Sarcopenia as a Determinant of ICU-Acquired Weakness**,” will be held on Tuesday, May 12 between 1:00–2:00pm (Pacific Time). An Outlook item is attached.

The featured speaker is Courtney Wedemire, RD, DCN, MS; Abbotsford Regional Hospital-Critical Care, Michael Smith Health Research BC Health Professional Investigator, and UBC Clinical Instructor.

- For **online users**: visit <https://ubc.zoom.us/>, click on “Join a Meeting” and enter the following information: Meeting ID: 94158 350867 Passcode: 350867
- For **in-person attendees**, the session will be held at DHCC 2267 at VGH.

Session recordings are uploaded onto [Vimeo](#) shortly after each session. For more information, please contact [Sybil Hoiss, lead, Clinical Initiatives & Innovation, Critical Care BC](#).

#### 4. Thankful Thursdays: A 20-Minute Reset for Busy Clinical Days

Clinical work doesn't pause - and neither do the demands that come with it. Thankful Thursdays offers a short, practical reset designed to fit into your day.

These 20-minute virtual drop-in sessions support focus, decision-making, and staying steady under pressure—whether you're moving between patients or managing competing priorities.

**Thursdays | 12:35–12:55 pm (virtual)**

Peer-facilitated by members of the BC Children's Hospital Centre for Mindfulness Council, sessions are grounded in the realities of clinical practice.

##### What to expect:

- Brief, guided practices you can use in real time
- Techniques to reset your attention
- Flexible, drop-in format—no preparation needed
- Optional connection with colleagues across PHSA

All PHSA staff and medical staff are welcome. Participation is free.

##### Can't make a session?

[Yuk'wa ko'pa tum'-tum](#), a peer-led mindfulness project, offers a library of short recordings you can access anytime – between patients, before or after a meeting, or whenever you need a quick reset.

To attend a session, join the mailing list or express interest in facilitating, email [mindfulness@cw.bc.ca](mailto:mindfulness@cw.bc.ca).

#### 5. June 11 & 12: Introduction to Quality Improvement Workshop (Level 2)

Join the PHSA Physician Quality Improvement (PQI) team for the *Level 2: Introduction to Quality Improvement Workshop*. Delivered virtually over two half-days, this workshop provides an overview of key quality improvement concepts, tools, and approaches used in healthcare. Sessions run **Thursday, June 11 & Friday, June 12, 2026, from 9am –12:30pm**.

This workshop is open to all physicians and medical staff. Physicians may be eligible for **sessional compensation and CME credits**. Space is limited so early registration is recommended.

## Registration

- Attendees must enroll in the [curriculum](#) first (course ID 35164)
- Upon enrollment, please register for [part 1](#) (course ID 19542) and [part 2](#) (course ID 25128)

For questions, contact [PQI@phsa.ca](mailto:PQI@phsa.ca).

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## PHSA Operational & Leaders' News

- Read the latest [PHSA Operational News](#) and [Leaders' News](#)\*:
  - [Honouring Siem Te Ta-in's family's wishes and Nuu-chah-nulth and Coast Salish protocols](#)
  - [BC Shared Health Services Transition](#)
  - Unique PHSA stories this week
  - Jobs of the week

## Ongoing Resources:

- Check out the [Medical Staff webpages](#) on phsa.ca for information and resources for dentists, midwives, nurse practitioners, clinical scientists and physicians.
- Learn about [health and wellness](#) resources to support you.
- Looking for past issues of the Medical Staff Newsletter? Visit our [Communications page](#).
- Visit [POD](#) for stories about our workforce and supporting resources\*.