



## **BC Rural Health Awards recognizes Dr. Nicole Ebert, as well as the city of Fort St. John for their contributions to community excellence**

This year, at the 2017 [BC Rural Health Conference, RCCbc](#) recognized one Northern Health rural physician and three organizations in the community of Fort St. John, for their contributions to community excellence. [Read more!](#)

## **Rural Physician Mentoring Program**

The [Rural Physician Mentoring Program](#) is now accepting new applications for their program beginning August 2017. [Read more](#) about this exciting opportunity!

## **New England Journal of Medicine now available online**

The [New England Journal of Medicine](#) (NEJM) is now available online through the Northern Health library. [Find out more!](#)

## **Northern Health MRI Expansion**

The first of three new MRI units in the Northern Health region is now serving patients in Prince George. The new MRI at UHNBC replaces the facility's 14-year old unit, with significantly upgraded technology. Two more MRI installation projects are underway at other NH facilities: Mills Memorial Hospital in Terrace, and Fort St. John Hospital & Health Centre. [More information here!](#)

## **EGD and Colonoscopy Referral Form Update**

A revised *Esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD) and Colonoscopy Form* with improved legibility is now available. This form is to be completed by primary care providers and internal medicine specialists when referring a patient to an endoscopist for an EGD or colonoscopy. [More information here.](#)

## **Critical Drug Shortage: Sodium Bicarbonate**

There is a nationwide shortage of sodium bicarbonate for injection in all formats. NH inventories are depleting and further conservation measures must be implemented IMMEDIATELY. [More information here.](#)

## **June Newsletters**

- [Partners in Wellness](#) – Public Health
- [Physician Quality Improvement](#)

## **Conferences**

- [Retroviruses and Novel Drugs](#)—July 27-28, 2017 in Vancouver, BC
- Invitation to Speak: [Pediatrics Conference](#)—March 21-22, 2018 in New York, USA
- [IHI National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care](#) – Dec 10-13, 2017 in Orlando, Florida

