

Launch of the BC Support Unit Northern Centre

Northern Health is pleased to announce the launch of the [BC SUPPORT Unit Northern Centre](#). The Northern Centre operates as a partnership between Northern Health through the Innovation and Development Commons (IDC), and the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) through the Health Research Institute.

[More information!](#)

Save the Date!

- [Jasper Winter Retreat](#) – February 1-4, 2018, Jasper AB

Pain Clinic NEW Referral Form

The UHNBC Pain Clinic is now accepting new referrals. The average wait time is approximately one year, with shorter wait times for priority referrals. We have developed a new [pain service referral form](#) and [patient pain questionnaire](#). Both forms are available in MOIS, AIHS or can be ordered through Northern Health Document Source (document.source@northernhealth.ca or 250-649-7550, document #11-000-5172 and #11-129-5002). [More information...](#)

BC Support Unit Northern Centre Funding

Announcement: Developing Northern Research Collaborations

The [BC SUPPORT Unit, Northern Centre](#), has dedicated funding to provide the opportunity for researchers, health care providers, decision makers, and patient partners to develop collaborations for person, family, and community centred research. The Developing Northern Research Collaboration Awards are expected to catalyze research that aligns with CIHR's [SPOR Capacity Development Framework](#) and the [SPOR Patient Engagement Framework](#). The total amount available for this competition is \$50,000, enough to fund up to 5 awards. The maximum amount per award is \$10,000 per year for up to one year starting March 1, 2018.

Please see the physician website for [more information](#) and a link to the [application form](#).

Labour and Birth Gestational Diabetes Intrapartum Management Regional Order Set

The NH Perinatal Program has recently developed a new [regional order set](#) (document # 10-111-5252) for physicians and midwives managing intrapartum care for women with gestational diabetes. The order set can be ordered through Northern Health Document Source (documentsource@northernhealth.ca or 250-649-7550). The order set meets an outstanding need to have best practice standards easily accessible and in one location. Please ask the manager or clinical practice leader in your facility where the new order set is located.

For further information, please contact interim Executive Lead for the Perinatal Program, Mary Cate Nicholson at marycate.nicholson@northernhealth.ca or 250-565-2109.

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[New Regional Order Set: IV Antimicrobial Therapy for Outpatients and Home IV](#)

The Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (AMS) committee has released a new regional order set: [IV Antimicrobial Therapy for Outpatients and Home IV](#). This new order set is intended to be used by ambulatory and/or emergency departments. It contains information for guiding appropriate antibiotic selection, as well as information on appropriate patients and infections to treat in this setting. You will also find some tips for considering IV to PO conversion in your patients (see also the [IV to PO Conversion of Antimicrobials clinical practice standard](#)).

[More Information...](#)

[BC Emergency Medicine Network Update](#)

The [BC Emergency Medicine Network](#) - an innovative approach to provincial emergency care - is excited to launch the network's online tool.

With the tool health care staff can:

- Connect with other BC physicians providing emergency care via the members directory
- Rate/share/comment on clinical resources like procedural videos
- Text/email patient information sheets in multiple languages from the website
- Browse CPD courses or request a course for your community
- Discuss various topics in the member forum
- Engage with BC researchers, and more!

[Infectious Disease Telemedicine Services in Northern BC](#)

Dr. Abuobeida Hamour and Sophie Walton conducted a project aiming to understand patient perceptions of the infectious disease telemedicine service offered through Dr. Hamour's medical clinic in Prince George, BC. They collected their data through a patient satisfaction survey and also examined the uptake and demographics of patients, through a chart review, who have used the telemedicine service since its introduction in January 2013. Telehealth allows for the provision of a variety of healthcare services from a distance and improves access to services, especially for people living in rural and remote areas. [Keep reading the story.](#)

[UBC Faculty of Medicine PATHWAYS Magazine](#)

The second issue of [PATHWAYS](#), [UBC Faculty of Medicine](#)'s digital magazine, has been released. In this issue, the stories delve into the complex and challenging world of mental health and addictions.

[Free Lunchtime Webinars Available to Physicians](#)

Morneau Shepell provides health, wellness, family, financial, legal, and career support to Northern Health physicians and staff through the Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP). In addition to these services, Morneau Shepell also provides workplace-learning programs by highly qualified Instructors on various topics. The first two, one-hour webinars scheduled specifically for physicians and staff of Northern Health will be held November 28 and December 19. [More information and registration.](#)