

VJH Physician Society Proudly Announces:

MAY 2021

Physician, Midwife or Nurse Practitioner of the Month



Dr. Willem Buys

Anesthesiology

The VJHPS is pleased to announce **Dr. Willem Buys as May's 2021 Physician of the Month**. We salute Dr. Buys for exemplifying the qualities of an excellent physician, and we are pleased to have Dr. Buys as a respected member of our medical staff since 2019.

Background and Training

MD: University of Pretoria

Residency: Anesthesia from University of Stellenbosch

Fellowship: Regional Anesthesia and Acute Pain Management from University of Toronto

Nominator's Comments (Dr. Misha Horkoff):

Congratulations to Dr. Willem Buys for being nominated as the May 2021 VJH Physician of the month. Vernon has been extremely lucky to have Dr. Buys with the Department of Anesthesiology since March of 2019 when he and his wife made the harrowing move from big city Toronto to the quiet North Okanagan.

When Dr. Buys was asked why he chose medicine as a career, he appeared somewhat perplexed and replied..."What else?" as if there was never a doubt in his mind about the path he had embarked on. According to his wife Dr. Tilly Buys, Willem's best personal qualities are his patience and organizational skills. No one is more prepared for the unexpected than Willem.

Since moving to Vernon, Willem has been involved in an audit aiming at modernizing the Anesthesia NPO guidelines as part of the preoperative PPO for patient care. He is also involved in streamlining the documentation for ECT. Willem is an avid piano player and cannot wait to start providing lessons to his physician colleagues once COVID 19 settles down. He loves snowshoeing, print making, astronomy, gardening and most of all, spending time with his 4-month-old daughter when not busy on the job. His favorite food is the world-famous Lamb Shank Pie made exclusively by his wife. As a superhero, he would choose to be telekinetic to no doubt fetch said pie without moving from the couch.

Willem is looking forward to traveling on his dream vacation to the Serengeti sometime in the not-so-distant future. His favorite sports cars are by Aston Martin. His favorite book is titled 'Circles in the Forest' by Dalene Matthee (a classic South African Novel). After a stressful day "at the office", Willem prefers to unwind in front of the TV with a glass of Idiom (one of his favorite vineyards in South Africa) while watching Will & Grace.

Congratulations once again!
