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NEWSFLASH:
March Medical Staff Member of the Month

We are pleased to announce **Dr. Kevin Wiseman**, General Surgeon, as the March 2023 VJH Medical Staff Member of the Month.

Dr. Wiseman joined the VJH Department of Surgery in 2006.

[Read his story here...](#)



NEWSFLASH:
Upcoming VJH Virtual Grand Rounds

"Withdrawal Management for OUD in Acute Care"

Presenter: Dr. Lisa Heidt, CCFP-EM

April 6, Thursday, 8:00 - 9:00 am via Zoom

[More info and Zoom link here...](#)



NEWSFLASH:
VJH General Medical Staff Meeting
Thursday, March 30, 7:30 am

Agenda and documents to be emailed prior to the meeting.

Join us through Zoom.

[Click here for an option to register and download a calendar reminder.](#)



IT'S OUR YEAR END!
IMPORTANT CLAIM\$ DEADLINE\$

- **MARCH 15** for activity expenses incurred December 15, 2022 to March 15, 2023
- **MARCH 31** for activity expenses incurred March 15 to 31, 2023

[Enter a claim now](#) (and remember to switch to VoPay while you are there)



REMINDER:
Have You Switched Yet?

The VJH Physician Society has launched the **new and streamlined payment processor "VoPay"** for claims you make in the Facility Engagement Management System (**FEMS**).

VoPay is a Vancouver-based payment processor that allows physicians a simplified and one-time registration via email. All that is needed to complete registration is a linked bank account, which can be done within FEMS in as little as 2 minutes. The new system uses a token link to your bank account, making it both anonymous and secure. **VoPay will be replacing VersaPay for all claim payments but you must first register to make your switch.**

The change process must be done using the online version of FEMS rather than the app on your smartphone. [Click to start your VoPay registration.](#)



NEWSFLASH:
Helping Others

The VJH Medical Staff Association makes annual monetary donations to local charities during the holiday season. This year, donations were distributed to the following:

- [Autism Okanagan](#)
- [Starfish Pack](#)
- [VJH Foundation](#)
- Clothing cupboard at VJH



NEWSFLASH:
Persistence Pays Off

After nearly 7 years and many roadblocks, false starts, incorrect information, and dead ends, the **Reducing Redundant Lab Testing** project has seen success!

Dr. Jason Doyle led a vigilant search for a solution within inpatient care, and the interesting results could now be applied to outpatient testing.

[*See Dr. Doyle's presentation here...*](#)



NEWSFLASH:
Be Part of the Solution

IH's new Regional Committee for Planetary Health Needs Physician Support

Dr. Allison Rankin, GP in Oncology at the Vernon Cancer Clinic and longstanding VJH physician, recently joined the committee as a VJH representative because she believes that without planetary health, nothing else is possible.

Health care is a major contributor to waste and CO2 emissions. “There was a time when I felt the world was deaf to the science around climate change and sustainability, but how can I complain about what I see and not be willing to be part of the solution,” Rankin says.

Rankin is actively recruiting two to three likeminded physicians who care about healthcare’s impact on the planet for both the regional committee and [VJH’s local sustainability committee](#), which Rankin has also joined. Lead by Clinical Managers Hanna Rempel and Kristen Megyesi, the local committee is already making an impact. Current projects include food services composting, reusable cytotoxic waste containers, a bottle sustainability project for WCHS and a cafeteria patio with biodiverse plants that require less water.

The time commitment for the [Regional Committee for Planetary Health](#) is expected to be one hour per month with some preparation or advocacy between meetings. Physician time for this initiative is compensated through regional FE funds. Funding for participation in VJH’s local sustainability committee is available through VJH FE funds.

To become part of the solution by joining either or both committees, please contact Allison Rankin at allison.rankin@bccancer.bc.ca.



NEWSFLASH:
Specialists Symposium 2023

BC specialists are invited to learn, share, and improve specialty care at the Specialists Symposium 2023. Participate with colleagues in a series of panel discussions exploring timely topics and challenges currently facing the health care system.

Thursday, April 27, 2023
The Westin Bayshore Hotel | Vancouver, BC

Additional information on SSC’s [reimbursement policy](#) for travel, sessionals, and

other information is now available.

Learn more and explore the event agenda on the [SSC website](#).



Visit the display case (across from the VJH cafeteria) to guess the number of candies and enter the contest!

**"Once a year, go someplace you've never been before."
~ Dalai Lama**

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