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## The Family Medicine Forum 2013



**Dr. Jim Howie, Dr. Wayne Dong, Christine Matuschewski and Carol Hoffman at work**

The Family Medicine Forum 2013 in Vancouver November 7 to 9, was a great success with tremendous support from our local physicians. Our Division hosted a booth to showcase our community and the job opportunities in our region. We provided local perspectives for day in the life of a Kamloops family physician to many residents and physicians. Our all-stars supporting this initiative included Drs. Shirley Sze, Wayne Dong, Jim Howie, Peter Loland, Kraig Montalbetti, Bruce Newmarch, and Selena Lawrie. Christine Matuschewski (our new Recruitment Project Lead) and Carol Hoffman staffed the booth. Thanks to everyone who updated their current vacancies on our website. Those postings were viewed and advertised to many potential candidates.



## The Distinguished Service to CME-CPD Award

was presented this year to our very own Dr. Shirley Sze. The Division would like to acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Sze on her achievement. This award is presented annually to any individual affiliated with the UBC Faculty of Medicine in recognition of substantial long term contributions to Continuing Professional Development/ Continuing Medical Education in the Faculty of Medicine.

## Transitions in Care -Frail Elderly Project Update

With the opening of 4 North later October, we seized the opportunity to co-design a discharge algorithm and related documents with family physicians and the interdisciplinary team for testing on the new unit. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to PDSA discharge standards with a new unit and new team members. **We need your input! This is your opportunity to inform and improve the discharge standards for your elderly patients transitioning from acute to home.**

Please contact Lisa Fuller at [lfuller@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:lfuller@divisionsbc.ca) or 250.574.8885 for more information.

## You're Invited! To our Christmas Social



Save the Date: December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual holiday social. See Important Updates for details.

## Divisions of Family Practice

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**Submissions for the December newsletter must be provided to [vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:vvandorne@divisionsbc.ca) by December 15, 2013**

As always, please email the Division at [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca) if you need more information on any particular topic or wish to volunteer for something, anything!

## Endocrinology Telehealth Prototyping

The working group for Endocrinology Telehealth is currently working through some final processes in order to get this telehealth initiative underway. Dr. Charlotte Jones will be available to provide consults with physicians on their diabetes patients in the near future. To learn more information, please contact Lisa Fuller at [lfuller@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:lfuller@divisionsbc.ca) or 250.574.8885.

## Important Updates & Participation Opportunity

Check out these important updates and more on the [Division website](#).

**Division Christmas Social** will be held Monday December 9, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Terra 326 restaurant (326 Victoria St.). We welcome all members to attend please RSVP by December 2 seating is limited! For easy access to the registration form please click [here](#).

**Family Residency Program Kamloops** will be hosting an information session with the program director for UBC Family Practice Dr. Willa Henry MD CCFP FCFP. This session will take place December 5, 6-9pm. For additional details please visit our website <https://www.divisionsbc.ca/thompson/participate>. For an update on the Kamloops Family Residency Program please login to [www.divisionsbc.ca/thompson-region](http://www.divisionsbc.ca/thompson-region) to view the fall newsletter.

**Integrated Primary and Community Care (IPCC) Team** has released a memorandum welcoming new staff to their team to read the introduction on the staff members please visit <https://www.divisionsbc.ca/thompson/IPCC>.

### A GP for Me and In Patient Care

A reminder that video presentations are available on the GPSC website to help you learn more about A GP for Me and In-Patient Care fee codes that became available for billing April 1, 2013. <http://www.gpsc.bc.ca/billing-fees/billing-guide-tutorial>

Based on member support, the Division has secured funding to pursue the assessment and planning phase of the GP for Me/Attachment initiative. We're actively recruiting for a Project Lead and member volunteers to sit on the advisory committee. For more information contact Chris Hollstedt at 250-372-1621 or [chollstedt@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:chollstedt@divisionsbc.ca).

## Upcoming Meetings

**Division Board of Directors** Your Division Directors meets monthly to review progress and develop strategies to address emerging opportunities. If you'd like to attend or present an information item for any of the upcoming meetings please send an email to [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca) and we'll do our best to accommodate.

2013/14 scheduled meetings are; December 2, January 13, February 3.

**Thompson Collaborative Services Committee** The Thompson Collaborative Services Committee (CSC) is an innovative way for our division to work with IHA to co-generate solutions to the complex, serious and interconnected issues facing the health care system, the delivery of care and the experience of care.

If you have information or issues you'd like to bring to the attention of the CSC please contact us at [thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca](mailto:thompsonregion@divisionsbc.ca).

Next CSC meetings are: December 10, January 9, 2014.

