

Indigenous cultural safety corner

The community of [Skatin](#), or SkookumChuck, is a small group of the larger St'at'imc people located on the east side of the Lillooet River roughly 35 kilometres from the head of Harrison Lake. Before European settlers arrived, this community was the largest on the lower Lillooet River. There is a waterfall one kilometre north of the community commonly known as SkookumChuck Rapids. This site was and still is an abundant fishery, the most abundant on the Lillooet River.



Public Health update: Measles

A Public Health update on measles was provided following the recent case in Richmond earlier this month, the first in BC since 2019. The individual is an unvaccinated newcomer to Canada. No secondary cases have been identified from this initial presentation. Measles is airborne and highly infectious. While Canada has been free of endemic measles since 1998 due to widespread immunity through vaccination, providers are reminded to be mindful of the [signs and symptoms of measles and how to diagnose the virus](#). Immunization against measles ensures almost 100% immunity from the virus (vaccination recommendations are outlined [in this bulletin](#)). Providers should [contact Public Health](#) when someone presents with clinically compatible symptoms **and** has recently traveled to a country with a measles outbreak or was in contact with a known case of measles.

Dentistry at VCH

Next in the medical staff profession spotlight series at HAMAC, the committee received a presentation from the Department Head and Medical Director of Dentistry for Vancouver Acute on dentistry at VCH. The presentation provided an overview of leadership structures, dentistry and its impact on overall patient health, compensation, areas of success and current system challenges. The VGH Oral Health Care Centre provides dental services to hospitalized patients and medically complex patients deemed unsafe to be seen in community dental settings. The presentation spoke to other community and on-call dentistry services across VCH. More discussion and follow up will continue to help further HAMAC's understanding of dentistry across VCH, including how to support VCH dentists and where HAMAC can lean in and support the provision of dental care for patients in the region.

CST Cerner, medical data analytics and AI technology in clinical settings

An update was provided on CST Cerner implementation, the VCH medical data analytics group and AI tools for clinicians.

CST Cerner (now "Oracle")

- Richmond Hospital is targeted for go-live on June 15, the last urban site to go live at VCH.
- Seeking elbow support volunteers for go live. Contact [Eric Grafstein](#) if interested.

VCH medical data analytics group

- A group formed in response to the growing amount of data available through Cerner. Designed to support clinicians in learning how to effectively use the data.
- Starting with six specialties to pilot the initiative; will spread to others.

AI technology in clinical settings

- VCH has partnered with Cerner to help develop and test Cerner's AI tools for use in clinical settings.
- Will allow various AI-assisted functions (e.g., dictating chart notes, ordering tests, searching electronic health records, etc.).

HAMAC priorities 2024/25

The HAMAC revisited a conversation from the last meeting around priority setting for fiscal year 2024/25. Members discussed the emerging themes and had general agreement around three top areas:

- Health human resources: Multi-year medical staff strategy
- Population health planning and access to care
- Toxic drug crisis

Topics identified by HAMAC that fall within these priority areas have been added to the HAMAC agenda planner for the upcoming year.