

Highlights from HAMAC

April 8, 2025 meeting summary

Indigenous cultural safety corner

HAMAC is committed to furthering its understanding and learning to support Indigenous Cultural Safety throughout VCH. At our April meeting we highlighted the Kitasoo-Xai'xais Nation. Their community currently resides in Klemtu, on the east side of Swindle Island on BC's central coast (about 500km north of Vancouver), in the heart of the Great Bear rainforest. In the 1860s, our two distinct nations came together in Klemtu: the Kitasoo Nation of the islands and the Xai'xais Nation of the mainland. In addition to coming from different geographies, the Kitasoo and the Xai'xais didn't speak the same language prior to the introduction of English. The Kitasoo are the southernmost group of the Tsimshianic language family and speak Sgüüxs (a southern dialect). The Xai'xais are part of the Wakashan language family and speak Xai'xais.

Welcome to HAMAC



Dr. Tracy Scott
PHC MAC Chair

Acknowledgements to Dr. David Albiani for his leadership and contributions to the HAMAC.

Regional Department Quality/HHR Reports

HAMAC kicked off a series of annual reports on Regional Department quality and health human resources (HHR). These reports are part of HAMAC's mandate to provide advice to the VCH Board of Directors and the CEO on the provision of medical care, monitoring of the quality and effectiveness and adequacy of medical staff resources across all medical staff professions: dentists, midwives, nurse practitioners and physicians within the facilities and programs operated by VCH.

Regional Department of Medical Imaging

Dr. Alison Harris, Regional Department Head of Medical Imaging presented a report on Medical Imaging services across VCH/PHC. The report focused on MRI and CT modalities, looking at quality metrics (volumes, benchmarks, and waitlists) for each modality as well as HHR data on radiologists and technologists. The presentation also included an overview of challenges and opportunities within the department related to quality and HHR.

Regional Department of Ophthalmology

Dr. Sonia Yeung, Regional Department Head of Ophthalmology presented a report on Ophthalmology at VCH/PHC. The report included an overview of the department, including sub-specialty services, practice patterns, and quality metrics (surgical volumes, wait times, outcomes/complications, and patient reported outcome metrics). The presentation also highlighted challenges, successes and opportunities within the department related to quality and HHR.

Public Health Update

The HAMAC received an update from Dr. Patricia Daly, VP, Public Health & Chief Medical Health Officer. The update included the [end of the respiratory season](#) and lifting of the Provincial masking policy, NACI recommendations on COVID boosters for Spring 2025, coverage of influenza vaccination, and on [travel-related measles](#) cases in the region.



2022 artistic rendering of the new Richmond Hospital redevelopment.

Richmond MAC Update

The HAMAC received a presentation from Dr. Clement Kwok, the Richmond MAC Chair. This presentation included updates on Richmond MAC membership, Cerner implementation, progress on the new Richmond Hospital Acute Care Tower, ongoing quality improvement initiatives, access, medical staff wellness initiatives, and HHR within the Richmond community of care.