

The Vancouver Medical Advisory Committee (VMAC) is VCH's senior medical administrative body for medical staff in the Vancouver Community of Care, including Vancouver Acute and Vancouver Community.

VMAC HIGHLIGHTS: June 2025 meeting summary

VA and VC leadership update

- The Ministry of Health has finished its health authority review of PHSA, with the intent applicable to all health authorities. An announcement will come soon regarding reviews for the rest of the province.
- VCH leadership is looking for efficiencies and opportunities to mitigate and improve fiscal challenges.
- Congratulations to Michelle de Moor, who is retiring soon. The VA VP was thanked for her contributions.

Information sharing via the Cerner portal

- VPP will procure and implement the VPP Regional Patient Portal within CST Cerner with a go-live date of October.
- There are currently three ways to distribute notes in Cerner; the VPP portal is a fourth option.
- Many providers are unaware of this function or do not use it.
- It does not pertain to documents not meant for distribution (e.g., progress notes).
- Regular notes that distribute to CareConnect can also distribute to the VPP portal. Other notes and some specialty-specific notes will be brought to each specialty working group for discussion.
- A supplemental exception note will be created to support sensitive information.
- Concerns were expressed about questions that may arise from patients and whether they will understand reports correctly.

Public Health update

- There have been 2,700 measles cases in Canada this year, mostly in Ontario and Alberta.
- The outbreak is concentrated in two unimmunized communities.
- General transmission is not expected.
- There were 12 cases in BC, seven of which were importations to BC with limited transmission.

Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment for Alcohol

- We do not have a tool for early identification and standardized response for alcohol withdrawal.
- The CIWA-Ar tool supports safe, symptom-guided care aligned with national best practice.
- It may be inappropriate for patients who cannot reliably report symptoms.

Delegation under the Health Professions Oversight Act (HPOA)

- There are changes coming to the Act that affect the College of Physicians and Surgeons of BC's bylaws.
- The Health Professions Act notes that CPSBC may have its own bylaws, but this is changed in the HPOA. This means delegations must be written in the CPSBC bylaws.
- The Diagnostic Accreditation Program has accreditation standards within CPSBC that provide a framework for the delegation of medical acts in diagnostic facilities. DAP accreditation standards are not in the CPSBC bylaws.
- VMAC members were asked to provide feedback on the draft delegation bylaws as there could be impact to service delivery if anything is not captured.
- VMAC members are working towards a systematic approach to gather and collate data.
- There is a two-level feedback system. After the bylaws are drafted, they are posted on the Ministry of Health's website for public feedback.

VCH/PHC Health Care Consent (HCC) Project

- Legislative initiatives support efforts to improve compliance with the Mental Health Act and Health Care Consent Act.
- The HCC Project helps address gaps in informed consent practices across VCH/PHC; its goal is to improve staff and medical staff understanding and practices related to consent.
- The VCH/PHC consent policy is now [posted](#); a regional health-care consent form is available to print from FormFast on Cerner.
- The HCC Project expects to conclude by March 2026. An education strategy is being developed.

Postgraduate Medical Education update

- VA has a unique clinical and historic model where learners play a key role in care delivery.
- VCH oversees employment and is a substantial learning environment and high-volume teaching site with clinical service integration.
- PGME's priorities include representing VCH interests and contributing to process improvement on ongoing work at a provincial level and the solidification of employment guidelines for residents and fellows while working at VCH. PGME also works to improve collaborations with UBC PGME.
- The VCH PGME Council and VA Learning Environment Committee will focus on optimizing the clinical learning environment, improving learning culture, and fostering positive experiences.