

MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICERS **UPDATE** FOR PHYSICIANS

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Do You Know Your Patient's HIV Status?

A few years ago the STOP HIV program was implemented across BC based on the concept of Treatment as Prevention (TasP). At that time there were a number of initiatives focused on physicians of all kinds, to implement the 2014 HIV testing guidelines (<http://hivguide.ca>).

These guidelines suggest (among other details):

- All British Columbians, between the ages of 18 – 70 should have a baseline HIV test, and then be tested every 5 years thereafter,
- Those who are sick enough to require bloodwork should have an HIV test added as part of your investigations into what is going on with them and,
- Those who are at higher risk should be tested more often.

In the interior region, testing rates significantly increased in 2015 and early 2016. Following that initial increase, the HIV testing rates are levelling off which is why we are reminding you to test. Knowing the HIV status of all your adult patients will benefit your clinical practice.

Follow up for HIV in the interior region is seamless and you can contact our team of nurses for support for new and existing HIV positive patients. Please call 1-866-778-7736 to be connected with a health outreach nurse close to you.

Join us in the Global effort to change HIV history and end AIDS for the next generation. Together we can make a difference.

Online Addiction Medicine Diploma Program

UBC Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program has recently accredited a new course from The British Columbia Centre on Substance Use (BCCSU) for those medical providers interested in expanding their knowledge through an online diploma course. Learners who participate in this course will build competence in substance use care and addiction medicine. This course is accredited for Maintenance of Proficiency for up to 16.0 credits in Mainpro+®, or up to 16.0 MOC Section 3 credits.

For more information about this course please visit the following web Link:

<http://www.bccsu.ca/courses/online-addiction-medicine-diploma-program/>

Providing You With Information on the Number of HIV Tests You are Doing at Your Practice

Through a partnership between BCCDC and the Interior Health Population Health, you can receive a report on your HIV testing numbers on a quarterly basis. This is only shared with you and used for no other purposes.

The report comes with some interesting information about HIV testing and follow-up, as well as a table that looks like this to show your actual testing numbers:

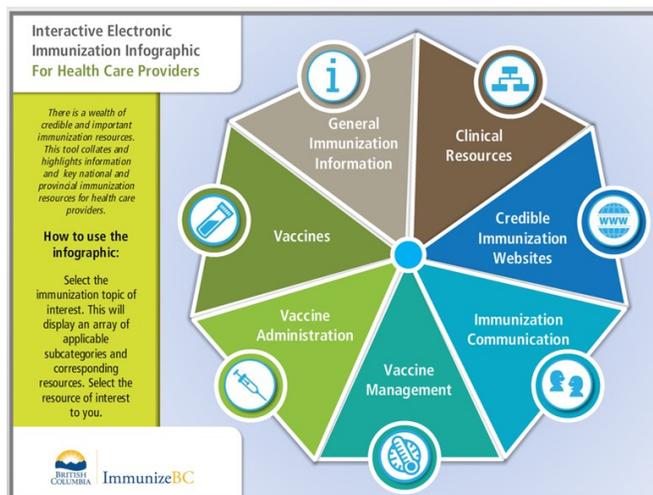
Non-prenatal HIV Tests Completed

Quarter											
2014 Q1	2014 Q2	2014 Q3	2014 Q4	2015 Q1	2015 Q2	2015 Q3	2015 Q4	2016 Q1	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2016 Q4
Count											
19	25	38	19	20	17	9	35	85	69	43	45

If you are interested in receiving these quarterly reports, you need to provide consent either by email at OMHOProgramSupport@interiorhealth.ca or phone: 1-866-778-7736, or Fax: 250-549-6310.

Interactive Immunization Infographic

Physicians who provide immunizations and those who advocate for immunization are encouraged to learn about the new BCCDC Interactive Immunization Infographic. This web-based tool provides valuable information and key immunization resources for healthcare providers. It is available in several formats to make it accessible for users of mobile devices and personal computers.



For more information please visit the following web Link:

<http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/immunization>

Infection Prevention and Control Newsletter (available only through the internal IH website)

Stay up to date with the Infection Prevention and Control newsletters called Infection Reflections.

For the latest edition of Infection Reflections from July 2017:

<http://insidenet.interiorhealth.ca/QPS/IPC/Documents/July%202017.pdf>

You can also find all previous editions of the newsletter at the bottom of IPAC site:

<http://insidenet.interiorhealth.ca/QPS/IPC/Pages/default.aspx>