

IH Welcomes New Scientific Research Director



Dr. Yvonne Lefebvre has joined IH for a two-year appointment as IH Scientific Research Director. In this role, Dr. Lefebvre will provide leadership to the IH Research Department and the establishment of an IH Research Council.

Over the past 30 years, Dr. Lefebvre has had a stellar research career in molecular biology and biochemistry and has an extensive background in the management of research and academic programs in universities and teaching hospitals. She was most recently the Vice President, Research and Academic Affairs at Providence Health Care, and the President of the Providence Health Care Research Institute. Dr. Lefebvre is also a clinical professor and past Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty of Medicine, UBC.

Dr. Lefebvre spent much of her career in Ottawa where she held positions as Associate Vice-Rector Research and Adjunct Professor, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa; Associate Scientist at the Ottawa Health Research Institute; VP Academic and Research, Ottawa Hospital; and Senior Scientist for the Ottawa Health Research Institute. Dr. Lefebvre has also published extensively, with over 150 publications to her credit.

Dr. Lefebvre's research focus has been in steroid hormone action in breast and prostate cancer, as well as in lymphoma and leukemia. She has also had a long-standing interest in gender and equity issues in health research and education, and has published in this area as well. From 1993 to 1997, Dr. Lefebvre was the first Assistant Dean for Gender and Equity Issues in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Lefebvre has served on numerous national and international committees, is a Past President of the Canadian Biochemical and Molecular Biology Society, and a past member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Gender and Health of the Canadian Institutes for Health Research.

In June 1997, Dr. Lefebvre received the Ottawa YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Research and Development and, in September 1999, the J. David Grimes Award for Scientific Achievement from the Loeb Health Research Institute. In 2003, she was elected to membership in the Canadian Institute of Academic Medicine, and in 2005 she was inducted into the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

In November 2012, Dr. Lefebvre was engaged to review and assess Interior Health's current state as a health research enterprise, suggest future directions, recommend strategic partnership opportunities, and develop a strategic plan for health research at IH. She completed this work in October of 2013 and presented the IH Health Research Strategy to the Senior Executive Team in December 2013.

In partnership with the Southern Medical Program and the UBCO, IH is now on its journey towards becoming a full-fledged academic health science centre. It is both a privilege and an honour to have Dr. Lefebvre as the new Scientific Research Director to provide leadership for the IH Research Department and establishment of an IH Research Council.



Safe Medication Management for New Physicians now Online

An online orientation program for new physicians for Safe Medication Practices is now in place. It was developed to meet the Accreditation Canada Managing Medications High Priority Standard: *“The organization orients staff and service providers to the medication use process before they are permitted to work independently.”*

New physicians and locums are being asked to complete two online modules, the first prior to submitting their application for appointment to the medical staff, and the second at some point in their first two years or before moving to active staff. Each module is self-paced and can be interrupted and resumed at any point. The first module through PHSA is accessible at home; the second one requires access to the IH intranet.

The first module, **“Safe Medication Order Writing Course”** is approximately 25 minutes in length and is accessible on the PHSA Learning Hub using your home computer, smart phone, or tablet. New physicians and locums will need to complete this during their application process and submit a certificate of completion with their application documents.

The objective of the course is to allow the participant to understand:

- Why “safe medication order writing” practices are important.
- Best practice considerations within the medication ordering process.
- Medication order writing practices that can lead to misinterpretation.
- Concerns related to the use of abbreviations.
- Situations in which verbal and telephone orders are appropriate.
- The processes for giving/receiving verbal or telephone orders.

The **Safe Medication Management Practices** module is approximately 22 minutes. It is not yet accessible from a home computer, smart phone or tablet. It is available on any IH computer through this link: <https://ilearn.interiorhealth.ca/lms/gateway/catalog.cfm?id=753&top=1&bot=10&mode>.

Access the PHSA Learning Hub

1. Go to: <https://learninghub.phsa.ca/>
2. Click “Sign Up for an Account”
3. Read agreement and click “I Agree”
4. Select appropriate account type – choose “Affiliate”
5. Follow the step by step account creation process
6. Once completed, click on “Find a course” (green bar, top left)
7. Type in course title **“Safe Medication Order Writing”** and click on “search course”
8. Click the “More” button on the same line as the course name
9. Click the blue “register” button
10. Certificates of completion are available on request

Finding External Documents

Types of patient documentation not created in Meditech, called **External Documents**, are linked to the Meditech EMR. The list of External Documents is dynamic and updated as required.

The following document types are currently linked: OR Case Records, CPACS Echo Reports, CPACS Cath Reports, OR Case Records, Picalere Assessments, Chronic Disease Management Reports, HCC Financial Rates, HCC InterRAI LTC Reports, Maple Assessments, and Pacemaker Reports.

Steps for finding External Documents

Step 1: In Meditech, EMR, click on either the Select Visits or Summary option, then select the External Documents button at the bottom of the screen.

Step 2: Next, click to highlight the Document Source you would like to view; then, click to highlight a date in the Document Title box.

Step 3: Finally, click the View button in the screen footer to view and print the highlighted report.

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