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eFIT Technology Engagement Forum – Creating a community of innovation

Data that once required a mainframe computer and a team of techs to support it, is now contained in the palm of our hands. This rapid evolution of technology, and the accompanying challenges and opportunities, was the topic of the **Technology Innovation Engagement Forum** held last month at VGH.

Organized by the engagement For Innovative Technologies (eFIT) Interest Group, the Forum had three primary objectives:

- Leverage technology for innovation in practice
- Share experience to translate ideas into clinical care, system innovation and commercialization
- Bring together peers, experts and mentors to build a thriving community of interest

More than 100 physicians, health care leaders and industry partners gathered to hear brief presentations from physician innovators who shared their insight and experience. Presentations were followed by a panel discussion, dinner and an opportunity to network and learn more from poster displays.

“This event is about bringing people together to make connections and start the conversation about technology in healthcare,” said Dr. Kendall Ho, eFIT co-chair. This is just the beginning”

VCH’s Largest Mega Simulation Event Engages & Enlightens

VGH teams came together last month for a unique and complex simulation event designed to gain insight into systems issues, team dynamics and crisis resource management during patient care. This is the largest simulation event ever held within VCH and involved laboratory medicine, anesthesia, emergency medicine, trauma services, PACU, and OR at VGH. The simulation started in the Emergency Department in the morning and moved on to the OR in the afternoon.

“By having multiple departments and multiple roles, this complex simulation provides a unique opportunity to evaluate our current systems and learn from one another,” said Dr. Nicolle Holm, VGH Emergency physician and one of several physician leaders who organized the event. “This is about communication, processes and systems resiliency. No individual is tested or assessed.”

Simulation recognized as a valuable tool for engagement and QI

Interest in simulation events continues to grow as simulation is recognized as a valuable tool for engagement and quality improvement. Thanks to support from the Vancouver Physician Staff Association (VPSA) Facility Engagement Initiative, physicians are now funded for their time participating in simulation events. This most recent simulation was also supported by the VGH & UBC Hospital Foundation and VCH administration.

Mark Your Calendar:

March 7, 7:00 – 8:00am – Breakfast with Leaders: Glen Copping, VCH Chief Financial Officer
Paetzold Multipurpose Room – Jim Pattison Pavilion North, VGH

March 15, noon – 1:00pm – Unique Lives in Medicine, Dr. Rod Tukker, Team Physician for Street2Peak
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