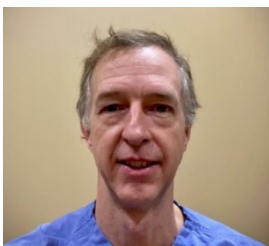


### Culture corner

November 2022 marked the second anniversary of the release of the [In Plain Sight](#) report that addressed Indigenous-specific racism and discrimination in the B.C. healthcare system. In December, VCH held a special town hall event to mark the anniversary which provided space for learning and self-reflection; the recording can be found [here](#). In this roundtable discussion, the Indigenous Health team speaks to changes and lasting impacts that resulted from the *In Plain Sight* report. Staff and medical staff are encouraged to watch the recording and hear what they can do to improve health outcomes and access to culturally-safe services for Indigenous Peoples.

### Welcome to HAMAC!

New Sechelt Medical Staff Association President appointed for a one-year term



Dr. Paul Murphy

### Amalgamation of the North Shore MAC and Rural MAC into a single Coastal MAC

Each Community of Care (CoC) is represented by a Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) that is responsible for the quality of care provided to patients within its respective geographic region. MACs function as subcommittees of the HAMAC. A motion was brought forward to amalgamate the two MACs into a single Coastal MAC structure. The new structure is intended to preserve and elevate the voices from VCH's rural sites and ensure equal representation at the local MAC and broader HAMAC table. HAMAC members had a dynamic discussion regarding the strengths and challenges of a potential amalgamation. Members generally supported the motion to amalgamate in principle, but voted to pause on proceeding until further consultation and engagement has occurred with the rural sites. An update will be provided at the February HAMAC meeting.

### Regional Emergency Operating Committee (REOC) reactivation

B.C. health authorities will stand up [Regional Emergency Operating Committees](#) in response to the surge in capacity in acute-care settings. REOC will oversee hospital bed availability and implement solutions to manage and improve patient flow. Medical leaders are encouraged to have conversations with their teams and work together to identify solutions that will help manage local capacity issues. Ideas can be shared with your Senior Medical Director.

### Public Health update

A Public Health update was circulated regarding the following three areas:

#### Influenza

- Peaked during the last week of November then rapidly declined. Vaccine is available and encouraged.

#### Respiratory syncytial virus

- Peaked in children in mid-December; now declining.

#### COVID-19

- Activity and ICU admissions stable and hospitalizations down.