



welcome to the BC Pediatric Society

We are pleased to present the following information to you as a new member:

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- A copy of the most recent BCPS Infoletter: The Prescription Pad



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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



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Welcome to the BC Pediatric Society.

Our Society is composed of the province's pediatricians.

Our goals are to:

- Advocate for improved health for infants, children, and youth – and their families;
- Advocate economically for pediatricians;
- Provide educational (cme accredited) opportunities for physicians.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for joining the BCPS. I am looking forward to working with you for the good of children, their families, and BC's pediatricians.

Sincerely,

Dr. Stephen Noseworthy
President
British Columbia Pediatric Society





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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP



AS OUR MEMBERSHIP INCREASES, SO DOES THE STRENGTH OF OUR LOBBY.

ADVOCACY

The BC Pediatric Society works on behalf of pediatricians in BC to advocate for better health outcomes for children and youth. Advocacy priorities are identified annually. Pediatricians have been recognized as effective contributors to provincial advocacy initiatives.

We have a number of advocacy initiatives for children and families – the most recent project is looking at the transition/transfer process as it relates to patients with mental health disorders “aging out” of community pediatric care into adult care. Additionally, general transition tools and supports are posted on the [BCPS website](#).

The BCPS has been active in encouraging the Ministry of Children & Family Development to improve the access and quality of mental health services for children and youth. We have met with the Minister of Education (Rob Fleming) to let him know about the value of [school based wellness clinics](#) such as the Barsby Clinic in Nanaimo (where mental health services are delivered).

Other projects include the newly published immunization schedules, and a project focused on increasing the uptake of the HPV vaccination for both girls and boys. In addition, we have worked with the Ministry of Education on updating a [physician and school communication tool](#) that can be used by pediatricians assessing students who are experiencing learning difficulties.

If you'd like to get involved in any of these projects, or have an advocacy project you'd like us to take on, please email our Executive Director, Brian Evoy, at brian.evoy@cw.bc.ca. We provide grants to pediatricians who lead advocacy projects!

ECONOMIC WELL BEING

The BC Pediatric Society represents the economic interests of BC pediatricians at the Doctors of BC and at the Specialists of BC. We are currently involved in preparation work for the next Physician Master Agreement negotiation.

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

The BCPS organizes various CME activities throughout the year. In addition to a yearly two-day conference, we provide Evening Dinner Journal Clubs usually held every three months.

THE PRESCRIPTION PAD

We publish a bimonthly newsletter with current topics, conferences, interesting articles, locum and position opportunities, links to useful websites etc.

LOCUM REGISTRY

The BCPS established a service to provide a central source of information for those pediatricians requiring and those providing locum service.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

The BCPS executive has representation of the pediatricians working in all of the health authorities in British Columbia. These directors act as the liaison for the pediatricians in the local areas bringing forth and communicating back on relevant issues in an effective and timely manner.



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OUR WEBSITE



The BC Pediatric Society website is divided into three sections:

- **For Physicians** (BCPS members & non members)
- **For Families**
- **Programs & Resources**

These sections contain current information and useful links for both you and the families you work with. And now that you're a member, you'll have access to the complete website!

The list below contains further information about some of the site sections (those that can be accessed by BCPS members only are indicated).

BCPS MEMBER ONLY SECTIONS:

CME EVENTS

The BCPS produces a number of CME accredited events during the year, from Evening Journal Club dinners to our *Children's Health Today* conference. Many of these events are broadcast throughout the Province via Telehealth and WebEx. Archives of some of these presentations can be found on the [member only page](#). ***Did you know that listening/viewing podcasts, audiotapes, videotapes, and reviewing enduring materials or scanning the internet (such as Medscape, UpToDate, etc.) = 0.5 credit per topic searched?!***

NEWSLETTER AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Miss a newsletter?

You can find all our [newsletters](#) posted in the Member Only site.

Interested in what your BCPS Board is doing?

Check out the [minutes](#), also on the Member Only Site. The Board meeting in October of 2019 discussed strategic priorities – have a look at those minutes and see if you agree!

HOW TO SIGN IN AS A MEMBER

To sign into the Member Only section of the BC Pediatric Society Website, [click here](#) to access the member login page and use the following information:

Username: [bcped](#)
Password: [member](#)



Mark your calendars - October 22 & 23, 2021! You won't want to miss this upcoming conference which is presented through a partnership between the BC Pediatric Society and the BC Children's Hospital Division of Rheumatology.

Through lectures and small group workshops, day one of the conference will explore current issues in contemporary pediatrics with an emphasis on up-to-date evidence and practical management approaches. Day two will address challenges and controversies in pediatric rheumatology, providing the most current information from experts in the field.

LOCUMS

Members of the BCPS can access the [Locum List](#) (of pediatricians looking for a locum and vice versa)



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PUBLIC ACCESS SECTIONS:

AGE	PROVINCIAL VACCINE	ROUTE	OTHER VACCINES & COMMENTS
2 months	Rotavirus (Rotarix [®])	PO	• Give first
	DTaP-IPV (Infanrix Hexa [®])	IM	• See Section: Rotavirus & Local Sites • See Appendix: Vaccine Schedule - Immunization Dates
	Pneumococcal conjugate (Prevnar [®] 13)	IM	• See Section: Meningococcal Diseases • Consider Menomol [®] or Menomol [®] for travelers beginning at 2 months of age if meningococcal vaccine is indicated. • A non-publicly funded meningococcal D vaccine is now approved for use in Canada. MFCI recommends the meningococcal meningococcal conjugate D (Meningo-D) vaccine may be considered on an individual basis for children 9 months of age, and should be considered for active immunization of individuals at 2 months of age at high risk. • See Section: Meningococcal D Vaccine - What Parents Need to Know
4 months	2 nd Rotavirus (Rotarix [®])	PO	• Give first
	2 nd DTaP-IPV (IPV-Inf) (Infanrix Hexa [®])	IM	
6 months	2 nd Pneumococcal conjugate (Prevnar [®] 13)	IM	
	3 rd Rotavirus (Rotarix [®])	PO	• Give first
9 months	3 rd DTaP-IPV (IPV-Inf) (Infanrix Hexa [®])	IM	
	Infanrix	IM	• Annual influenza immunization for children beginning at 6 months (one dose in 1st year of vaccine receipt). Publicly funded for those aged 6 - 59 months and for other children with, or close contacts of those with high risk medical conditions. • See Section: Influenza
12 months	Hepatitis A (Imovax [®] for Aboriginal Infants [®])	IM	• Hepatitis A vaccine is publicly funded up to 18 years of age for Aboriginal children only. • See Section: Hepatitis A - Local Sites
	MM2	SC	• Consider from 6-11 months of age who are traveling to measles endemic areas or who are identified as contacts of a measles case are eligible for MM2. Please see Communicable Diseases Control Manual, chapter 3: Measles
18 months	3 rd Men-C conjugate (Prevnar [®] 13)	IM	• Annual influenza immunization
	MM1	SC	
	Varivax (Varivax [®] or Varivax [®])	SC	
10 months	4 th DTaP-IPV (IPV-Inf)	IM	• Annual influenza immunization
	2 nd Hepatitis B (Aboriginal Infants [®])	IM	
4-6 years	5 th DTaP-IPV	IM	• Annual influenza immunization up to 59 months and consider annual influenza immunization for 5 years and older
	Varivax/MM2 (ProQuad [®] , Proqua [®])	SC	• See Section: Influenza

IMMUNIZATION

Pediatricians are strong influencers in the field of immunization. [This page](#) is an introduction to the extensive resources offered by the BCPS, including the BCPS 2020 Immunization Schedules, and a suite of resources for physicians and families on a number of immunizations, including the HPV vaccine for boys.

TRANSITION/TRANSFER OF PATIENTS

The BCPS has a brand new project which focuses on developing additional resources to assist community pediatricians with transition of patients with primary or secondary mental health challenges. [Tools and resources](#) are now available from the BC Pediatric Society (BCPS) to help with transferring patient information when a youth ages out of paediatric care!

CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

The BCPS has undertaken a number of initiatives focused on child and youth mental health; from lobbying in Victoria for better access to MCFD Child and Youth Mental Health Clinics, to being active partners in the Child and Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Collaborative to development of some tools for pediatricians and parents when a child is having [difficulty making friends](#). On [this page](#), you'll also find a link to a number of resources.



BCPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All BC Pediatric Society [Board Members](#) can be reached, via email, at bcpeds@cw.bc.ca