



Population and Public Health

Medical Officer of Health & Director Team



Newsletter?

The purpose of this occasional newsletter is to provide you with program updates.

If you have any questions or comments, please forward them through your team manager.

A New Healthy Parenting and Early Childhood Development Database

The PPH program will be working with Momentum to develop a new database over the next few months. It should be fully implemented well before the summer starts.

It is not and will not function as an electronic health record. Due to other demands, Manitoba Health has not prioritized that at this time.

The database we use now does not allow us to generate reports that our funder requires and is missing other functionality.

The new database and related processes will:

- Provide required reports to funders,
- Assist with managing the referral process,
- Assist in managing provider work,
- Track service in relation to standards,
- Identify location of records, and
- Provide a repository for surveillance.

Left to Right - Back Row: Dr. Lisa Richards, Dr. Michael Isaac, Horst Backé, Dr. William Libich, Dr. Pierre Plourde, Dr. Lynne Warda
Middle Row: Susan Rodgers, Dr. Sande Harlos, Dr. Bunmi Fatoye, Dr. Heejune Chang, Alexandra Henteleff
Front Row: Dr. Carol Kurbis, Helena Wall, Lynda Tjaden, Karen Rice
Missing: Anna Scerbo, Liz Peetsma, Dr. Salah Mahmud

Upcoming Events

Sex Matters: From Precedents to Practice, a Conference on Preferential Populations and Sexually Transmitted and Blood Borne Infections

March 13, 2013 – Stay tuned for details

Advances in Travel Health

April 11 and 12 – For more information [click here](#)

Expected Benefits of the HPECD Database

For community area staff this should result in:

- More efficient distribution and tracking of referrals
- A single system to track all referrals and case files
- As data will be entered by providers and not transcribed from paper there should be
 - Fewer transcription errors
 - Fewer data losses
- Real time reporting will result in
 - More efficient management of referrals and work
 - More timely opportunities for quality improvement

A group was struck to support the development of the database and related processes. It includes:

- ✚ Community Area Team Manager – Debbie Bond
- ✚ Community Area Team Manager – Krista Wilson
- ✚ Public Health Nurse – Joan Wheatley-Bissoon
- ✚ CSIS Project Lead – Sandra Mann
- ✚ Manager Healthy Parenting and Early Childhood Development – Darlene Girard
- ✚ Manager Population Health Surveillance – Debbie Nowicki
- ✚ Medical Officer of Health – Salah Mahmud
- ✚ Manager Facility and Support Services, Centralized – Merrilee Sigvaldason
- ✚ Manager Facility and Support Services, Community Area – Sharon Komyshyn
- ✚ Clinical Nurse Specialist – Carolyn Perchuk
- ✚ Population Health Initiatives Leader – Horst Backé
- ✚ Medical Officer of Health – Carol Kurbis
- ✚ Medical Lead – Lynne Warda

Quality Updates

Hand Hygiene Audits

The audits were completed in December and will be analyzed in January.

We will be in touch about the results.

Accreditation Update

The Accreditation visit is expected to occur the week of April 15.

We have suggested they start their visit with the River East and Injury Prevention Teams.

The surveyors are following the path of client care, so could end up in any of your offices.

If you want to learn about the type of questions they might ask, [click here](#) to find a link to a video about tracer training

Quality Road Show

Sheryl Bates Dancho and Horst Backe will be offering to come around to every community area to prepare for Accreditation, but most importantly, to improve the quality of our services.

Quality Roadmap

The Roadmap is our quality improvement plan for the next years. You can find a copy of the quality roadmap by [clicking here](#).

Panorama News

Panorama is a national electronic system that will be used in Manitoba to manage all reportable communicable diseases and disease outbreaks. It will replace MIMS and provide significant improvements to both MIMS and iPHIS.

The Province of Manitoba has hired a consortium to manage the entire provincial Panorama project. The consortium has experience with public health and with Panorama.

WRHA will be posting a Project Coordinator in the near future who will help coordinate implementation of Panorama in the Winnipeg Health Region.

Panorama will be implemented over the next three years. The first modules will be 'immunization' and 'inventory'. Inventory refers to the vaccine inventory that is helps to manage.

Panorama will be built to support provincial communicable disease control including Manitoba Health, all Manitoba RHAs, and FNIHB; so may require some adjustments to how we do our work.

We will share more information as it becomes available.

eChart

WRHA staff are the first Public Health staff in the province to use eChart. The Tuberculosis team is currently using eChart and what we are learning will help everyone in public health that will use it in the future.

eChart will be implemented in PPH in the spring.

Access to the tabs within eChart will be role dependent:

- Administrative staff will be given demographic view. Some administrative staff will be given immunization or other views.
- Public Health Nurses will be given clinical view.
- Medical Officers of Health will be given clinical view as they can prescribe.

eChart reduces time spent searching for personal health information, and creates more time for client care. It improves access to patient information currently available in disparate systems

EChart Manitoba provides authorized health-care providers with a consolidated view of key patient health information. The information feeds into eChart Manitoba from existing electronic systems, including:

- Prescriptions filled at retail pharmacies through the Drug Programs Information Network (DPIN)
- Immunization histories recorded in the Manitoba Immunization Monitoring System (MIMS)
- Demographic information, including personal health identification number (PHIN), birth date and address, from the Manitoba Provincial Client Registry (CR) system
- Laboratory results from participating private and public laboratories

eChart is a Manitoba Health product. You can find out more about eChart by [clicking here](#).