

BC Society of Critical Care Medicine Annual Report April 2009

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Membership

We have identified over 100 Specialists who practice Critical Care in BC, of whom 35 have RCPSC certification. Our membership list includes 35 paid members and several more who have expressed interest to date.

Education Initiatives

BCSCCM Website: We have now developed a fully functional site with links to UBC CCM academic half-day presentations, on-line journal clubs, protocols and literature updates and summaries.

Courses: The BCSCCM organized a two 2-day Ultrasoundography course for critical care physicians, based on the FOCUS course at the Université de Montréal (www.iccuimaging.ca). This occurred in May, and will be held again in June 2009

Web Based Rounds: The BCSCCM is developing a web based system to present rounds remotely. It will probably be based on the Adobe Connect software.

Political Initiatives

Critical Care Delivery in BC: A mandate of our society is to participate in planning for future delivery of CC in BC. An important first step is to perform an environmental scan of the delivery of CC services in BC, including beds, funding, human resources and transport. A small delegation met with the Deputy Minister of Health to initiate these discussions in March.

Tariff Submissions: We have reached an agreement with CRIM to transfer the CCM fee codes to the BCSCCM. A submission to Tariff and to MSP via the Peachey Report has been initiated and include the following: parallel codes to the current codes, new codes for TPN, CRRT and intrahospital transfers.

SSPS Involvement: Our society was incorporated, coincidentally with the onset of the micro-allocation discussions. \$105 million has been applied to the specialists

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as an outcome of the Macro-allocation decision. Dr. Henderson attended the 3 day meeting of the SSPS in November and the outcome was that a consensus could not be reached. Arbitration occurred.