



May 22, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

Minutes from Annual General Meeting

The 3rd AGM occurred on Friday, March 19, 2010 during the Whistler Critical Care Conference (March 17-20, 2010). The minutes from the AGM will be posted in the members section of the BCSCCM website this week (www.bcscm.ca).

Critical Care Grand Rounds

In addition to the regular BCSCCM Journal Club, we are developing a Grand Rounds series in conjunction with the critical care program at Vancouver General Hospital and industry supporters. The next two Grand Rounds will be:

- 1) **June 8, 2010** - Dr. Jacques Lacroix: Principal Investigator of the ABLE study to discuss age of blood and transfusions. This will be held in the Paetzold Auditorium at VGH from 4:30-5:30pm.
- 2) **June 29, 2010** - Dr. Giles Peek (author of the CAESAR study) Adult Extracorporeal Life Support. This will be held in the Paetzold Auditorium at VGH from 4:30-5:30pm.

We intend for all of the Grand Rounds series to be available via web conferencing through the UBC network. To arrange videoconferencing linkage, please contact Julia Cheung (Julia.cheung@vch.ca).

New MSP Preamble and Fees

In accordance with issues brought to us by the BCSCCM membership, we requested fee guide revisions around intra-hospital transfers, continuous renal replacement therapy and total parenteral nutrition. Our submissions were accepted by MSP and the Tariff Committee. Beginning April 1st, new fees for the

provision of CRRT and ECMO are available. These are posted on the BCSCCM website members area and are available through the BCMA.

Website

There is a great deal of updated content on our society website (www.bcscm.ca). Specifically, I have created a password protected Members Area that contains an extensive collection of guidelines and protocols relevant to critical care practice. There is a great deal of valuable information that can be shared in this area. We have also posted the slides from our past video/teleconferences here, as well as the minutes of past Executive Meetings and AGMs. As noted the Members Area is password protected. The current user name is [medicine](#) and the current password is [bc123](#).

What is an Intensivist?

The Ministry and MSP are interested in developing a definition of what an intensivist is. Although the stated purpose is not clear, it is not unreasonable to believe that this definition may eventually find its way into hiring/contracts and fees. The focus of the BCSCCM has been, and remains, to support all physicians providing care to critically ill patients. We are therefore hesitant to provide a specific definition. However, it seems likely that if we do not clarify this issue, someone else eventually will. Over the next several months, the BCSCCM Executive will develop an outline of the various possible definitions of what intensive care and intensive care physicians are. We would greatly appreciate input from all physicians providing care to critically ill patients on this matter.

Sincerely,

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