



## British Columbia Society of Critical Care Medicine

October 6, 2010

Dear Colleagues,

### **Critical Care Grand Rounds – see attached PDF**

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 Grand Rounds will be:

Speaker: Dr Adam Peets,

Title: Medical Education in Critical Care Medicine: A Review of the "Evidence"

Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2010 @ 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Location: Diamond Health Care Centre, Rm 2267, 2nd Floor, VGH

***Video conferencing available at Royal Jubilee CA 125; Lions Gate auditorium; Surrey Memorial rm 1752; Royal Columbian rm 025; St. Paul's Room 4/5 and Peace Arch meeting room 3.*** 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](mailto:Julia.cheung@vch.ca)).

### **Journal Club – see attached PDF**

Join us for our 8th City Wide Journal Club. The sessions have been instituted in an effort to unite the Lower Mainland Practitioners of CCM and it is also hoped that this will not only be educational, but will also initiate a more collegial atmosphere amongst physicians. The papers that will be reviewed by Dr. Adam Peets and Dr. Omar Ahmad will be forwarded closer to date.

**Wednesday, October 13th @ 7:00 pm**

**Gotham Steakhouse (enclosed invitation and map)**

RSVP to **Ana Palomino** no later than Friday, October 8th.

## **Website**

Previous rounds are available as downloadable mp4 files on the BCSCCM website. Previous topics include Pulmonary Physiology in the Management of Ventilator Associated Lung Injury (Henderson, May 6 2010) and Neuroradiology for Intensivists (Heran, Sept 2010).

There is a great deal of updated content on our society website ([www.bcscm.ca](http://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](#).

## **New MSP Fees**

We have worked hard for the last two years to add fees that reflect the evolution of practice in our field. We are currently working on a telehealth consultation fee to allow timely advice for centres without an intensivist. If you have opinions about this concept, please forward them to your executive.

## **PLEASE VOICE AN OPINION - 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.

## **Minutes from Annual General Meeting**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM occurred on Friday, March 19, 2010 during the Whistler Critical Care Conference (March 17-20, 2010). The minutes from the AGM are posted in the members section of the BCSCCM website this week ([www.bcscm.ca](http://www.bcscm.ca)).

Sincerely,

William Henderson, MD, FRCPC  
President  
BC Society of Critical Care Medicine