



British Columbia Society of Critical Care Medicine

November 14, 2008

Dear Colleagues,

The last few months have seen several developments in critical care practice in BC. The BCSCCM executive has continued to work on your behalf on several fronts. There are several specific issues that we would like to bring to your attention.

Retroactive and Forward Fee Increases

As we notified you in our last letter, we have secured a retroactive fee increase for the CCM fee codes as well as fee increases for the next 2 years. We anticipate that you will begin to see these changes in the new year.

Annual General Meeting

This will occur at the Whistler Critical Care Conference (Feb 25-27, 2009). The conference website is www.canadiancriticalcare.ca. The exact date and time are to be determined. We encourage all BCSCCM members to come and share opinions and help us plan for the next year. Elections for all positions within the BCSCCM executive will occur during this meeting.

MSP Preamble Discussions

We met with a consultant from Medical Services Plan to discuss altering the preamble to the critical care section of the Fee Guide. In accordance with issues brought to us by the BCSCCM membership, we requested revisions around intra-hospital transfers, continuous renal replacement therapy and total parenteral nutrition. The outcome of these discussions is as yet unknown.

BCSCCM Journal Club

In conjunction with the UBC Program of Critical Care Medicine we invite all BCSCCM members to attend a sponsored journal club on Wednesday, November 26th - Morton's Steakhouse (750 W. Cordova St., Vancouver) at 6:30 pm. Dinner will begin at 7 pm. Please respond to Any Palomino (Ana.Palomino@vch.ca).

Sincerely,

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