



We're back!

Thanks to everyone for the positive feedback and enthusiasm over our first newsletter – it was great to hear!

A lot has happened since May so we are eager to update you on recent events. You may have seen us on TV with the opening of the student-led clinic last month (*CityTV* featured us on their breakfast show) and the clinic has also been featured in the *Burnaby Now* newspaper.

In this newsletter you will find updates on other new, as well as ongoing, initiatives. As always, we look forward to hearing your feedback and your ideas!

Comments?

Do you want to be included in our mailing list?

Please email: carolyn.andersson@ubc.ca

Thanks to everyone up north!

Two very successful Clinical Educator workshops took place in Prince George in July. One was held in the *Accelerated Sport & Spine Physiotherapy Clinic* on the beautiful UNBC grounds (thank you Davis!) and one at the *Prince George Regional Hospital* (with video connect to Terrace). The workshops were enthusiastically received and we look forward to sending an increased number of students to the North very shortly!

Interested in attending a workshop?

We will be running several free, one-day workshops **this fall** in the following locations:

Abbotsford (ARHCC), **New Westminster** (RCH), **Vancouver** (UBCH), and **Victoria** (RJH).

For more information, or to register, please contact

Goodbye...



At the end of June, staff and faculty bid adieu to **Brenda Loveridge**, Interim Department Head.

Brenda came to us in 2005 on a 6-month term. Little did she know she'd stay four years!! Brenda was a "builder" and her work done on behalf of the department and physical therapy education in British Columbia will be a legacy for future generations of Physical Therapists in BC.

We wish Brenda all the best in her new position as Special Advisor, Allied Health Professions, Faculty of Medicine, UBC.

...and Hello

On July 1, 2009 **S. Jayne Garland** joined UBC PT as new Department Head. Jayne comes to us from the University of Western Ontario, where she was Director of the School of Physical Therapy from 2000-2008. She holds a BSc (PT) from Queen's University, a MCISc from the University of Western Ontario, and a PhD from McMaster University.



Welcome Jayne!



pre-cep-tor [pri-sep-ter]

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1. an instructor; teacher; tutor.

If you don't already know about it we would like to introduce you to the **Preceptor Education Program (PEP)** from the University of Western Ontario, Health Sciences. Clinical Instructors (and students) can take advantage of this free on-line program as they prepare for clinical placements. Each module takes about 30 minutes to complete and is full of quick tips and downloadable learning activities and tools.

Take a look! www.preceptor.ca

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From L to R: Yves Leduc (MPT2 student); Brenda Loveridge (Interim UBC PT Department Head); Harry Bloy (MLA for Burnaby-Lougheed); Arden Krystal (FHA, VP Acute Care Network); Karen Watson (Director, RCH Health Services)

Our new student-led clinic at RCH!

Last time we used this space to tell you about the opening of the Friedman Building. This issue we are pleased to announce the official opening of the student-led Physiotherapy Clinic at Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, BC.

The clinic is an innovative program, created to help address a service gap for residents in Fraser Health while also providing a unique experience for Physical Therapy students. The clinic is run in partnership with the University of British Columbia Department of Physical Therapy, Faculty of Medicine, and Fraser Health. The goal of the clinic is to improve functional outcomes of residents, improve patient flow through the health care system, prevent future hospital admission or

increased level of care of clients and also support the clinical education of physiotherapy students. The clinic may also provide an opportunity for physiotherapy research.

Hyman Gee, P.T., our Clinical Instructor, will be supervising students 6:1. Students will be on placements at the clinic throughout their 30-week clinical education schedule and will participate at all levels of the MPT program. The clinic will also have the opportunity to place out-of-province and international students when our UBC students are back on campus for their academic coursework.

For more information on the clinic please feel free to call Hyman Gee at 604-520-4672.



MPT2 student Paul Conzatti with a clinic patient

ClinEd Teaching Tip

That pesky CPI...

Having trouble completing all the categories on the **CPI** (*Clinical Performance Instrument* evaluation form)? Some of them just don't seem relevant to your clinical situation? Don't worry – *that is normal!* The CPI is a generic form used for all placements and not all the listed competencies are observable or relevant to every situation. Feel free to comment only on those you feel are relevant to your situation – students are not penalized if some of the competencies are “not observed.” And yes, we know the form is long and complicated and we are actively looking for ways to improve it (see **CPI update** below).



WHAT'S NEW?

CPI update

We are well aware of the concerns of clinical educators regarding the CPI (student evaluation) form, most notably the length and the time taken to complete it. As you may know, the CPI is a validated and tested tool currently used by all the Canadian PT programs, and there are specific advantages of using a “pan-Canadian” form (such as enhanced student portability between provinces for placement). There have been on-going discussions at a national level around replacing the form with a newer, more user-friendly tool which is still validated and reliable. Currently the plan is to develop a new tool specific to Canadian needs, and it is hoped that the development of this tool will begin in the next few months.

Health Authority Liaisons

A big welcome to two “health authority liaisons” who are currently assisting the MPT Clinical Education Program at UBC. **Chiara Singh** from Fraser Health and **Norm Hanson** from Interior Health are working on projects to increase capacity for student placement in both public and private practice in their areas. We look forward to working with them.

Preceptor Recognition Task Force

We're listening!!! An action item from the October 2008 Clinical Education Symposium was to solicit feedback re: preceptor recognition. Anne Rankin has held several teleconference meetings and is now busy compiling all the suggestions from the PTs who participated.

IP placement at RCH

A pilot interprofessional education project took place this summer at Royal Columbian Hospital (RCH) in New Westminster. Funded by the Cedar Lodge Endowment Fund (through the Vancouver Foundation) students from PT, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Pathology and Nursing participated in innovative interprofessional learning experiences while on placement at RCH. The IPE experiences were master-minded by Bev Parno and May Urbina, two PTs at RCH who acted as interprofessional learning coaches for the students who were on an acute neuroscience unit. The project will be evaluated with the goal of transferring the model to other acute care sites and areas of practice.

PACE-ing and RACE-ing!

Stay tuned for RACE (Regional Advisors for Clinical Education) Committees – coming soon to a region near you! The current PACE (Provincial Advisors for Clinical Education) Committee consists of representatives from public and private sectors from each health authority, and provides advisory input to the MPT Clinical Education Program. In order to maximize input from front line clinical educators, RACE committees will be formed around the province to solicit input, generate ideas, and discuss issues at a regional level.

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