



St. Paul's Hemophilia Program



Hi everyone,

This is the third email update from the St. Paul's Hemophilia Team to all our patients. We'll periodically send you updates related to the clinic as well as resources and information you'll find useful.

Congratulations to Deb (Retirement) and Sandra (New position at Fraser Health)

I find it hard to believe that I am announcing my retirement and plan to leave my role in January 2019. I remember very clearly packing up and coming to Vancouver from Halifax in 1981, and although my plan was to stay for one year, here I am 37 years later! As I reflect back on my days at Vancouver General and St. Paul's, many memories surface. I want to express my gratitude and thanks to the patients, their families, and colleagues for the many relationships I will never forget. Tears and laughter – it has been a privilege to be a part of it all. I look forward to hearing about continued advancement in the care of Bleeding Disorders patients as the horizon continues to expand with knowledge and new therapies. I also look forward to bumping into any and all of you as I move into my next phase – however it may well be on the golf course, at puppy obedience class, or

on the Inca Trail! Until we meet again...

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Deb Gue



I am also leaving the Bleeding Disorder Program. I have decided that it is time for a change and move away from direct patient care. I have taken a position at Fraser Healthcare, the role is Clinical Practice Consultant for Allied health. It is a big change in direction and I am looking forward to the opportunities in leadership.

I am so thankful for all that I have learnt from working with you all, it has really been an amazing journey! I feel blessed and privileged to have been a part of so many of your lives, I am grateful for how you have trusted me with your life stories, sharing your day to day experiences including meeting your families. You all helped to make it the “best” physio job in the world!! I am sad to be leaving but I know you will be supported by a devoted team of Bleeding Disorder clinicians. Thanks everyone,

Sandra Squire

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Learning to learn and passing it on

The CHS retreat entitled **Learning to learn and passing it on** was initiated as a result of the session on ageing with a bleeding disorder held during *Rendez-vous 2017*. Its goal is to address current needs of people ageing with a bleeding disorder and to help address future needs. The CHS will offer about 30 sponsorships to enable Canadian men and women, aged 60 years and over, living with a bleeding disorder, and/or their caregiver/support person, to attend the retreat taking place at the Chantecler Hotel

in Sainte-Adèle (near Montreal), Quebec, November 2-4, 2018.

The sponsorship program is open to Canadian men and women with an inherited bleeding disorder, aged 60 and over. The retreat is also open to their caregivers / support persons whether they attend with the person they care for or not.

A More information is available online [here](#)

Interested participants must complete [an application form](#) and forward it to the CHS before 5 p.m. September 14, 2018. Sponsorship recipients will be notified by late September.

Ordering Products for Home Infusion Program

Please submit large orders covering several weeks of product at least one week before the needed delivery date. This lead time will allow sufficient time to ensure proper levels of product are available where and when they are needed. Also, please ensure your iCHIP records are up to date before requesting a prescription refill of your factor. iCHIP records when entered at the time of infusion helps with provincial inventory management.

New Website

We have launched our new public website <http://hemophilia.providencehealthcare.org/>

We hope you will find it helpful for general information but also answering your questions regarding travel to clinic,.....We welcome you to have a look and send us your feedback!

Update on Product Switches

Product switches for the new Extended Half Life products began this spring and over 30% of the switches to the new product have occurred. If you are on an extended half-life product and have not already made the change we will be contacting you in the fall. Product availability is different for patients <18 years of age and the information here only applies to adults. **If you use standard half-life products there will be no changes in the products supplied by CBS.**

Although changing products can be disruptive for you, we are committed to working with you to make your transition as smooth as possible.

Hemophilia Today Magazine

Hemophilia Today Magazine from the Canadian Hemophilia Society includes information to help inform the hemophilia and bleeding disorder community about current news and relevant issues. [Click here to read it](#)

Thanks for reading, and Happy Monday from all of us at the St. Paul's Hemophilia Clinic!

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