

## Medication Management Standards Newsletter

- The VCH Accreditation Medication Management Standards Advisory Group, in conjunction with the Medication Safety Committees at Vancouver, Richmond and Coastal Communities of Care, is working on Accreditation Canada's Medication Management Standards to address improvement opportunities identified from the self assessments surveys conducted in Spring 2015.
- These standards focus on the safe and effective management of medications; and address all aspects of the medication use process from selection to patient administration.
- The standards are designed to apply across all care settings that handle medications, including acute care, residential care and community settings.

Accreditation Canada Survey will take place September 19–23, 2016

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### Required Organizational Practices

Accreditation Canada has developed a series of Required Organizational Practices (ROP) which are considered essential to practice. There are 6 ROPs related to the Medication Management Standards:

#### Antimicrobial Stewardship

VCH has a program for antimicrobial stewardship to optimize antimicrobial use in inpatient acute care, and inpatient rehabilitation.

#### High Alert Medications

VCH implements a comprehensive strategy for the management of high-alert medications.

#### Heparin safety

VCH evaluates and limits the availability of heparin products and removes high-dose formats from client service areas.

#### Narcotic safety

VCH evaluates and limits the availability of narcotic (opioid) products and removes high-dose, high-potency formats from client service areas.

#### Concentrated electrolytes

VCH evaluates and limits the availability of concentrated electrolytes to ensure that products are removed from client service areas.

#### List of DO NOT USE abbreviations, symbols, and dose designations

This list has been identified and implemented at VCH.

Over the course of the next few months, you will be hearing more about what VCH is already doing well, and what work is in progress to comply with these ROPs and other high-priority criteria in the Medication Management standards.