

# Adult Bleeding Disorders Program Newsletter



Front Row (Left to Right): Michelle Bech, NP; Soojee Sim, Program Coordinator; Stacey Cave, PT; Jill Kipnis, PT, Stephanie Garland, Pharmacist  
Back Row (Left to Right): Paul Yenson, Hematologist; Nina Sandhu, Nurse Educator; Cristal Egan, Program Secretary; Alexia Sarvan, Program Secretary;  
Shannon Jackson, Hematologist, Clare Carrigan, Psychologist; Karen Sims, NP; Claude Bartholomew, Social Worker  
Missing: Adrienne Lee, Hematologist; Hayley Merkeley, Hematologist

## Here's What has Happened in the Last Year and What's to Come!

### A Warm Welcome

Meet Our Newest Team Members- We are delighted to officially introduce you to the latest additions to our healthcare family - Stephanie, Clare, Jill, and Soojee. As we strive to provide the highest quality care and support to you, their expertise and dedication are invaluable assets that will enhance your overall care experience!

#### **Clinical Psychologist - Dr. Clare Carrigan**

Hailing all the way from Ireland, Dr. Carrigan brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our team. Her passion for helping individuals facing both bleeding and red cell disorders, coupled with her international experience, makes her a valuable addition to our program. We anticipate a positive impact on the mental health and overall well-being of our patients.

#### **Clinical Pharmacy Specialist - Dr. Stephanie Garland**

Dr. Garland will play a pivotal role in optimizing medication therapy for patients with inherited red cell disorders. Beyond her role to providing pharmaceutical care, she will collaborate closely with our hematology teams to ensure seamless integration of pharmaceutical services to our holistic approach to patient care.

#### **Clinical Physiotherapist - Jill Kipnis Bsc. PT**

It is with great excitement and joy that we announce the return of Jill Kipnis to both our programs! We are incredibly fortunate to have Jill rejoining us, bringing her extensive orthopaedic experience to benefit our patients. Additionally, her familiarity with our team and dedication to our mission make her an invaluable asset!



### Hematologist - Dr. Adrienne Lee

Dr. Adrienne Lee, a hematologist and Clinical Associate Professor at UBC, completed her Hematology training and a research fellowship in Hemostasis at the University of Calgary. Formerly leading the hemostasis division at the Southern Alberta Rare Blood & Bleeding Disorders Comprehensive Care Program until 2021, she now practices general hematology in Victoria, BC. She offers consultative services at Royal Jubilee Hospital and serves Vancouver Island patients. Since September 2022, she's been part of the Adult Bleeding Disorders Program at St. Paul's Hospital, overseeing patient care, outreach, and virtual consultations. Her research interests are in prophylaxis, aging complications and bone health in hemophilia adults, use of point-of-care global coagulation assays for the management of bleeding and thrombosis disorders, and platelet procoagulant membrane dynamics studies. Additionally, she serves as a board member for the Association of Hemophilia Clinic Doctors of Canada (AHCDC).

## Previous Event Highlights

### 12 DAYS OF GIVING BLOOD DRIVE

Team members from Transfusion Medicine and the Adult Bleeding & Red Cell Disorders Program of BC/Yukon join the 12 Days of Giving Blood Drive

Jill Kipnis, Physiotherapist



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Dr. Hayley Merkeley



Tina Jacobucci, Team Lead - Transfusion Medicine



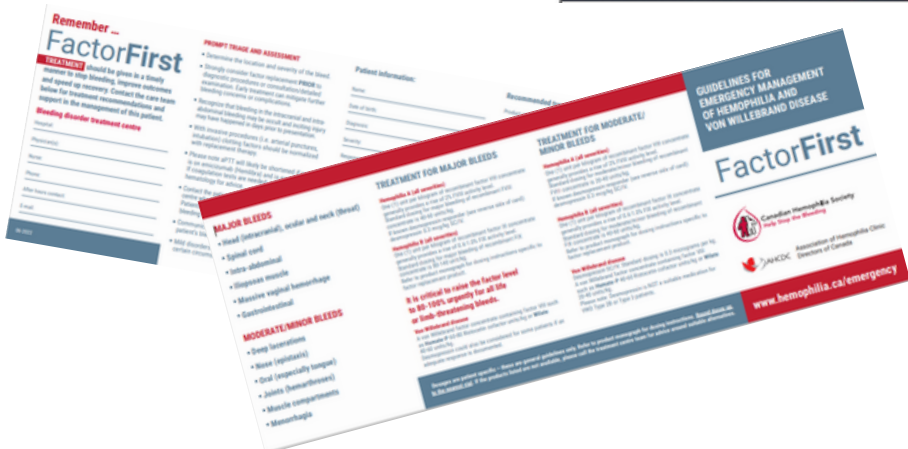
Tina Jacobucci, Transfusion Medicine  
Jill Kipnis, Physiotherapist  
Hayley Merkeley - Hematologist  
Soojee Sim, Clinical Coordinator  
Michelle Bech, Nurse Practitioner

# Upcoming Event



## Happy World Hemophilia Day from your Team at PHC!

Join us on **April 17, 2024**, as we commemorate this significant day under the theme of 'Equitable Access for All: Recognizing All Bleeding Disorders.' Operating the Adult Provincial Bleeding Disorders Program at St. Paul's Hospital fills us with pride as we work towards raising awareness and advocating for comprehensive care for individuals with bleeding disorders. Recently, we have updated our guidelines for *In-hospital care of Persons with Inherited Bleeding Disorders*, focusing on timely intervention and accessibility to specialized expertise. These guidelines prioritize immediate assessment of the person's Factor First Card and prompt coordination with the appropriate BC Bleeding Disorder Program, aiming to enhance patient care and ensure effective management. (Please remember: Carry your Factor First Card with you at all times!) Additionally, we are thrilled to share that The Sails of Light at Canada Place will illuminate in red in celebration and support of World Hemophilia Day!







## Naiman-Vickars Hematology Fellowship Program

### **NAIMAN-VICKARS HEMATOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

As a husband and wife team, Drs. Sheldon Naiman & Linda Vickars dedicated their careers to unraveling the mysteries of hematology. In honour of their legacy, the Naiman and Vickars Hematology Endowment was established. This endowment is committed to supporting the education and research of trainees in Hematology. Dr. Vignesh Murthy is the torchbearer of this legacy, stepping into the role of our first Clinical Fellow.

### **A VISION FOR THE FUTURE: NOVEL COMBINED CLINICAL & LABORATORY FELLOWSHIP**

Dr. Murthy's fellowship journey is distinctive, focusing on Bleeding Disorders and Red Cell Disorders, aiming to prepare him for a career in Classical Hematology within an interdisciplinary team model. This innovative approach aligns with the commitment to advancing patient care through collaboration and specialized expertise.

*Your Warm Welcome Matters!*

As he embarks on this fellowship journey, we invite you to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Murthy. Your support plays a vital role in the success of this fellowship program, shaping the future of hematology care in B.C.

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