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OHSAH Health & Safety Update

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From Knowledge to Action: Solutions that Work
BC Health Authorities conference abstract deadline

The BC Healthcare Collaborative Group is hosting the second Workplace Health, Safety and Wellness Conference in Kelowna, BC on September 14-15, 2009. "From Knowledge to Action: Solutions that Work"

The conference will discuss research initiatives and practice interventions in health and safety that have shown promising results over the last year. Fields of study include: Workplace Safety, Health Workplace Initiatives, Disability Management, Ergonomics, Safe Patient Handling, Occupational Hygiene, Workplace Violence and Aggression, Workplace Mental Health and Addiction, Occupational Exposure to Infectious Diseases.

Any healthcare professional with responsibilities for health and safety or wellness in the healthcare environment is welcomed to share their experiences and knowledge as well take away cutting edge health and safety information from the presentations.

Conference organizers are now accepting abstract submissions. For more information please visit www.bchealthauthoritiesconference.com.

Workers' Perspectives: A Violence in Healthcare Survey

Between 2003 and 2007 over 10% of BC healthcare and social assistance claims were violence-related (WorkSafeBC). Taking into account incidents of violence that are not reported or do not result in a claim, a true picture of violence faced by BC healthcare workers is still unknown.

The Provincial Violence Prevention Steering Committee (PVPSC) is conducting a survey to get a better grasp of healthcare worker attitudes and experiences of violence in the workplace. The PVPSC wants to hear about workers' experiences with violence to help identify priority areas for violence prevention efforts.

The survey runs January 31-March 31, 2009. Visit www.violenceinhealthcaresurvey.ca to take the survey and be entered in a draw to win an iPod!

Depression in the Workplace: A BC Healthcare Networking Conference

In an effort to increase the efficiency and community amongst people working in the field of mental health and organizational development in BC healthcare, OHSAH is hosting a small conference focusing on depression in the workplace.

This is the third year for The BC Healthcare Networking Conference. Speakers range from health authority representatives to independent consultants. The event will take place on March 4, 2009 at OHSAH (1195 West Broadway) in Vancouver.

Please email Shagufta shaguftaa@ohsah.bc.ca for more information, or visit the [website](#) for more info.

PICNet conference registration

PICNET's 2009 Educational Conference is taking place April 2 and 3, 2009 at the Radisson Hotel in Richmond BC. The title of this year's conference is, "We're All in This together!" Registration for the event is free.

Please visit the [website](#) for more information.

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