#### **Helpful Contacts**

Aboriginal Affairs and Development Canada (formerly INAC) 1-800-665-9320

BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS) 250-381-7303

First Nation Health Authority (FNHA) 1-800-317-7878

Kuu-Us Crisis Line Vancouver Island and through the Province of BC 1-800-588-8717

> Victoria Native Friendship Centre 250-384-3211

VIHA Complaints and Concerns 1-877-977-5797

Wheels for Wellness 250-338-0196

Royal Jubilee Hospital 250-370-8000 RJH - Parking - 7:45 - 3:30 pm Patient Information: 250-370-8244

Victoria General Hospital 250-727-4212 VGH - Parking - 7:45 - 3:30 pm Patient Information: 250-727-4157

Saanich Peninsula Hospital 250-544-7676

#### Aboriginal Liaison Nurse locations on Vancouver Island

Alert Bay 250-974-8314 Campbell River 250-830-8865 Comox 250-650-5714 Cowichan 250-709-8204 Nanaimo 250-741-4234 Port Alberni 250-735-4319 Port Hardy/Port McNeil 250-949-0340 Tofino 250-735-1014 Victoria Royal Jubilee Hospital Victoria General Hospital Victoria General Hospital Monique Pat, ALN 250-480-8333 Cathy Condy, ALN 250-812-1464

# Aboriginal Health Liaison Nurse

#### Saanich Peninsula Hospital



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### Ways we can help

- Working with staff, patients, families and community service to support discharge planning.
- Providing emotional support and advocating for Aboriginal patients during a hospital stay.
- Explaining health care issues to patients and their families.
- Addressing and providing support around Cultural Safety issues in collaboration with the Cultural Safety Coordinator.
- Accessing Non-Insured Health Benefits as appropriate and as needed.
- Assisting with compassionate parking passes as financial need indicates for one family member.
- Referring patients to other support services as requested (Volunteer, Spiritual Care, etc.)
- Following up with patients after discharge from hospital.
- Participating in community events to share information about SPH and ALN services.

### What to expect while escorting or visiting family members in hospital

- If you are willing please identify your self as "Aboriginal or First Nation" for hospital staff to notify the liaison nurse.
- Bring your BC Care Card & Status Card.
- Check with your Band and/or patient travel clerk prior to hospitalization for medical coverage, travel assistance, meals, and accommodation guidelines.
- Meals will not be provided to family members.
- Aboriginal Health does not provide any financial assistance.

## Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am—4:00 pm

## **Referrals Welcome**

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WEBSITE: <u>https://www.islandhealth.ca/our-services/aboriginal-health-services/aboriginal-liaison-nurses</u>