Clinical Learning and Interprofessional Practice (CLIPP) Unit

Saskatchewan Academic Health Sciences Network

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Next classroom training days: are January 13 and 14 in Regina.

Click here for registration and a list of all training dates for the 2015/16 year.

Upcoming webinars:

Jan 12: Automated student uploads

Jan 21: Destination Coordinator Overview

Feb 17: Generating correspondence

Feb 26: Generating reports in HSPnet

Click here to register.

Who is CLIPP?

In October 2015, the Board of the Saskatchewan Academic Health Sciences Network (SAHSN) announced several recent decisions regarding its future role and functioning. One of these decisions was to re-constitute the current staff within the SAHSN office into a new **Clinical Learning and InterProfessional Practice (CLIPP) unit**. The purpose of the name change is to distinguish the operational work of the CLIPP unit from the strategic functions of the SAHSN board.

As part of its mandate CLIPP supports the Advisory Council on Clinical Education, which serves as the HSPnet-SK management committee, and the HSPnet-SK Advisory Committee. It also administers the budget for HSPnet in SK. The unit reports to and has its work plan and budget approved by the SAHSN Board. Over the next few months the current SAHSN website will evolve to the CLIPP unit and a modified logo (check it out above!) will emerge on communication materials. The CLIPP unit will continue to oversee the licensing requirements for Saskatchewan for HSPnet.

Change in HSPnet Support Service Provider

Effective April 1, 2016, the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) in B.C. will take over as HSPnet support service provider. PHSA is already the business owner of HSPnet, and operates and administers the database and hardware. As of April 1st, PHSA will also take on the training and helpdesk functions which until now have been provided by Roberts Hendrickson Consulting Inc. Through its representation on the HSPnet National Alliance, CLIPP is working with PHSA to ensure that SK users continue to receive the same level and quality of service they have come to expect. One anticipated new service offering that PHSA seeks to provide as part of the change is **Helpdesk phone support**, as a supplement to the existing email support option. Stay tuned for more information as details become available.

2016 Annual HSPnet user group meeting

Watch for the date of the 2016 HSPnet-SK User Group Meeting (UGM) to be announced in the New Year. Because PHSA is taking over as HSPnet support service provider in 2016-17, CLIPP is seeking to bring a PHSA representative to Saskatoon for the UGM to meet local users, review the latest enhancements in HSPnet and plans for future development, and to share insights into BC'S journey towards achieving full HSPnet implementation.

For any questions or comments about HSPnet in Saskatchewan please contact Ronda Appell, Resource Officer at (306) 966-1934 or ronda.appell@usask.ca

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Programs Actively using HSPnet in SK:

- Nursing: including RN, LPN, RPN, and NP programs

- Physical Therapy

- Combined Lab and X-ray Technology

- Nutrition (NEW*)

- Continuing Care Aide

- Health Care Aide

- Medical Office Assistant

Saskatchewan Clinical Placement Agreement

January 2016 marks two years since the implementation of a common Clinical Placement Agreement in Saskatchewan. The agreement, signed in 2014 by all post-secondary institutions and regional health authorities, specifies the terms and conditions that the parties have agreed to regarding clinical placements for Saskatchewan health science students. Review of the agreement is set to occur in 2016, and include review of 3 new schedules that were drafted during 2015:

- ♦ hand-held devices
- ♦ hand hygiene
- ♦ dress code

For the current Clinical Placement Agreement template, refer to the "News" tab located on the HSPnet SK homepage. Updates to the agreement template and/or schedules will be posted there as they become available.

Auto Group Adjustment Changing January 1, 2016

To improve data quality in HSPnet, a new clean-up tool was introduced on June 1st of this year. The tool impacts all group placements with an end date of April 1, 2015 or later, and automatically adjusts the group size, according to the number of students that are actually assigned. For example, if a confirmed group of 8 only has 6 students assigned, then on the placement end date the group size is automatically adjusted to 6. This ensures a more accurate reflection of the number of placements and placement hours that are actually occurring. Based on the success of this change, which resulted in 2,000 groups and 3,000 empty spaces being adjusted between April and September 2015, the tool will be further modified to automatically adjust the group size on the *placement start date*. This change takes effect on January 1, 2016 and will continue to be closely monitored for impact. The rationale for auto-adjusting group size on the placement start date is that it frees up unused spaces earlier, thereby potentially allowing any unused capacity to be made available to other students or programs.

For more information about this change, or if you have concerns about how this may impact your group placements, contact the HSPnet helpdesk at support@hspcanada.net.

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