



Update from Vancouver Island

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The Vancouver Island Rheumatology community continues to evolve with well-deserved acknowledgments and announcements. I would like to recognize Dr. Milton Baker who, after 40 years of rheumatology practice, has now retired to the love of his garden, cat, and travel. However, we are far from left with a void. I have the privilege to announce the addition of Dr. Leah Ellingwood, Dr. Julia Tan, and Dr. Drew Bowie, all exceptional graduates of the University of British Columbia Fellowship program who have joined our South Island team.

Further, Dr. Xenia Gukova, trained at the University of Calgary, will be joining our Victoria group in the spring of 2023. The Nanaimo region is excited to welcome the arrival of Dr. Ashley Yip, following completion of her fellowship at the University of Alberta. Vancouver Island will therefore boast a total of 10 adult rheumatologists and one pediatric rheumatologist in “The Garden City”, and four adult rheumatologists in “The Harbour City”. We continue to collaborate closely as an island group through the Vancouver Island Rheumatology Association

celebrating acquisition of knowledge, birthdays, and Dr. Paul Davis’ knee replacement!



The Vancouver Island Rheumatology Association at their meeting on October 14th, 2022.

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