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During this month, all of the snow melted, even in the mountains (at mid elevations). The people hunted for deer in the mountains, and dug Yellow Buttercups, Wild Onions, and Balsamroot.



Laura and Diala at the FNHA Dietitians Gathering showing off their Devil's club braclet they made.



Q'wemtsin • SERVICES

Mobile Mammogram Day

The Mobile Mammogram bus will be at Q'wemtsin Health Society and the Skeetchestn Health Center on the following dates:

- QHS Tuesday, April 11th, 2023-CANCELLED
- Skeetchestn Health Center Thursday, May 25th

If you would like to book an appointment please call Q'wemtsin Health Society at 250.314.6732 or Skeetchestn Health Center at 250.373.2580

Early detection saves lives!



To register you must be age 40+





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Q'wemtsin Health Society 5-year Evaluation Community Engagement Sessions

Whispering Pines/Clinton Indian Band

Date: Tuesday, April 25th

Time: 11:00am

Place: Annex Building

Tk'emlups te Secwepemc

Date: Tuesday, April 25th

Time: 5:00pm

Place: Delta Hotel, 540 Victoria Street

Skeetchestn Indian Band Date: Wednesday, April 26th

Time: 5:00pm

Place: Skeetchestn Gymnasium

For more information call: Q'wemtsin Health Society at 250.314.6732 or call the Skeetchestn Health Center at 250.373.2580





Please join us for some great discussion, dinner, door prizes and a chance to win an ipad or Apple Watch!





QHS 5-year Evaluation Survey Collection!

Please fill out a QHS 5-year evaluation form your name will be entered into a draw to win an Apple watch!!

All completed forms can be dropped off at QHS or the Skeetchestn Health Center for your chance to win!

For more information call: Q'wemtsin Health Society at 250.314.6732 or call the Skeetchestn Health Center at 250.373.2580

Draw Date is June 30th



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In honor of National Oral Health Month, QHS celebrates National Dental Hygienists the week of

April 4th to 10th. We celebrate our very own Dental Hygenist, Crystal. She is very instrumental in connecting with community, the operatation of our Dental Department and the COHI Program at Q'wemtsin Health Society. Thank you for all you do!!!!



Q'wemtsin Health Society Dental Clinic offers basic dental services, which include:

- Dental examinations
- Digital X-rays (diagnostic imaging)
- Restorations (fillings)
- Extractions
- Preventative dentistry
- Periodontal maintenance (cleanings)

To access the Dental Clinic you must be a Band Member of, Skeetchestn, Tk'emlups te Secwepemc, or Whispering Pines/Clinton bands, and living on or off reserve.

If you would like to book an appointment please call QHS at 250.314.6732

Children's Oral Health Initiative (COHI)

Oral health education for children, parents, caregivers and expectant mothers:

- Dental screening
- Fluoride applications
- Sealant applications

Can be seen delivering service at: Q'wemtsín Health Society, Schools, Daycares/Nurseries, Health Fairs, Baby Circles, Family Circles, Community Events and Homes

Promoting healthy teeth and gums to contribute to overall good health

Cavities can be prevented; therefore helping children avoiding pain and infection allowing for a better opportunity to learn and thrive

Goal is by using simple oral health care preventative practices to reduce or eliminate dental disease and hospitalization.



HOW YOUR ORAL HEALTH **AFFECTS YOUR OVERALL HEALTH**

More than 90% of all systemic diseases have some oral symptoms.

Saliva is one of your body's defenders against bacteria and viruses.

A healthy mouth is essential for a

healthy body.

Infection can enter the bloodstream through the mouth.

Poor oral health has been linked to cardiovascular disease. respiratory infections, immune system disorders, low birth weight in babies, and other serious health issues.

Sources: Academy of General Dentistry, Colgate", Mayo Clinic, Men's Journal.

Alcohol Poisoning and Mixing Substances by FNHA

- Carry a naloxone kit! Alcohol is a depressant, when mixed with opioids the risk of respiratory depression increases. Follow the SAVE ME steps!
- If someone falls asleep while drinking, place them in the recovery position and ensure there is nothing in their mouth! This will decrease the risk of choking if the individual throws up.
- Call 911 if you think someone has alcohol poisoning. Symptoms include, vomiting, clammy skin, slowed breathing, pale and/or cold skin, seizures & confusion.

SAVE ME Stimulate Airway Ventilate Evaluate Muscular Injection Evaluate

Consuming Alcohol & Harm Reduction

- Plan a safe ride home before you begin drinking alcohol, talk to your friends about how you will get home, make a plan.
- Eat before you go out, or eat during! This will slow alcohol absorption, reducing the risk of alcohol poisoning.
- Stay hydrated! Drink water in between drinks and fill a water bottle for the morning before you go to sleep.



Support

Tsow-Tun-Le-Lum Society (cultural support and counselling):1-888-403-3123 Indian Residential School Survivors Society: 1-800-721-0066 or 604-985-4464 Drug & Alcohol Information Referral Line: 1-800-663-1441

KUU-US Crisis Line Society: Adults and Elders at 250-723-4050 | Children and Youth at 250-723-

2040 |Toll-Free at 1-800-588-8717

For more information contact: sadie.bedard@fnha.ca (250)-417-4390

This month's topics: Reducing harms associated with alcohol use, effects on mixing alcohol and substances.

Use the chart to see how substances interact when mixing them. Mixing substances can increase the chance of negative health risks including: Toxic drug poisoning, injury, violence, difficulty breathing, damage to the organs and death. Always take caution when using substances, carry a naloxone kit and remember the SAVE ME steps!

	Alcohol	MDMA	GHB	Psilocybin (mushrooms)	Cannabis	Cocaine	Qpioids	Meth	Ketamine	LSD	Benzodiazepines
Alcohol											
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Drug combinations. (2021, February 10). TripSit wiki, . https://wiki.tripsit.me/index.php?title=Drug_combinations&oldid=5862.



Low Risk

Use Caution

tion Unsafe



If you are struggling please reach out for help. You are not alone.

The Naturopathic Alphabet

Submitted by Melissa Bradwell, ND

Omega 3, 6, 9

What is the difference between 'good' and 'bad' fats?

To understand good and bad fats, you first need to know the different categories and some information about each of them.

	Effect on Body	Some Sources	
Monounsaturated fats	Reduces LDL levels (bad cholesterol)	Olive oil, avocados, nuts, and nut butters	
Debumashumtadfata	 Increases HDL (good cholesterol) 	Flaxseed and fish (salmon,	
Polyunsaturated fats	 Decreases risk of heart disease/diabetes 	mackerel, sardines)	
Saturated fats	 Increases risk of heart disease 	High fat meats, cheese, lard, ice ceam	
	Increases LDL cholesterol		
Trans fats		fried foods, processed/ packaged foods	

Fats and your Cholesterol

When I ask people about their cholesterol levels, I'm often faced with a look of shock when I tell them there are actually two types of cholesterol. 'Good' or HDL cholesterol that carries cholesterol from artery walls and delivers it to the liver for disposal and 'bad' or LDL cholesterol that accumulates in and potentially clogs artery walls. Achieving an optimal ratio between the two is ideal. Omega 3 Fatty acids (such as fish or flaxseed oil), along with other sources of 'good' fats help to increase the 'good' cholesterol, which not only improves the cholesterol ratio in the body but also works as a protective agent against numerous diseases and health concerns.

Cholesterol and Hormones

Hormones are made from cholesterol so when we concentrate on a low-fat, no-fat diet, there is often not enough 'good' cholesterol to make hormones, which causes a disruption in hormone synthesis. Ensuring optimal levels of cholesterol can help to treat conditions caused by hormone imbalance in both men and women (PMS, infertility, menopause, low testosterone).

In pre-menopausal women, cholesterol levels may actually increase as the body's natural response to declining hormone levels and attempting to make more.

Omega-3 Fatty Acids

This polyunsaturated fat, as we know, is highly beneficial for prevention and reduction of depression symptoms, protection against memory loss, reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease, reducing inflammation and supporting a health pregnancy. This essential fatty acid is essential for good health, but your body can't make it and therefore, needs to be obtained through food. The best sources are fatty fish such as salmon, herring, mackerel, anchovies, or sardines, or high-quality cold-water fish oil supplements. A dietary intake of two servings per week or 1-2g per day of total omega 3's is recommended.

Name	Ome	ega-3	Omega-	6	Omega-9	
Known As	Polyuns	saturated	Polyunsaturat	ed	Monosaturated	
Dietarty		flax, soybean walnuts	Oils: canola, corn, oliv safflower, soybean, s		Oils: canola, olive, peanu safflower, sunflower	t,
Source	mackerel, s	shes (herring, almon, trout, ına)	Nuts: almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, peanuts, pecans, pistachios, walnuts Other: eggs		Nuts: almonds, cashews, peanuts, pecans, pistachios, walnuts Other: avocados, eggs, poultry	
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Health		velopment,				
Effects heart health. cholestere cognition, mood		,	Heart health, chole	esterol	Heart health, cholesterol blood sugar control	Ι,
OIL		OMEGA-3		OMEGA-6		
SAFFLOWER			0%		75%	

OIL	OMEGA-3	OMEGA-6
SAFFLOWER	0%	75%
SUNFLOWER	0%	65%
CORN	0%	54%
COTTONSEED	0%	50%
SESAME	0%	42%
PEANUT	0%	32%
SOYBEAN	7%	51%
CANOLA	9%	20%
WALNUT	10%	52%
FLAXSEED	57%	14%
FISH	100%	0%

Dietary Tips

Increase good, unsaturated fats in your diet. Fat gives food its flavor so most non-fat, low-fat foods are often replaced with sugar, refined carbohydrates and calories. Be heart smart and still maintain your waistline with these tips:

- Cook with olive oil. Use olive oil for stovetop cooking, rather than butter or margarine
- Make better butter. Whisk together ½ lb of butter with 1/2 cup of olive oil and place in an airtight container in the fridge. Will remain soft and perfectly spreadable.
- Eat more avocados. Try them in sandwiches (instead of mayo), salads or make guacamole.
- Reach for the nuts. High in protein and good fats. Opt for the unroasted kind as you'll lose some oils in the roasting process.
- Snack on olives. Olives are high in healthy monounsaturated fats and make for a low-calorie snack when eaten on their own.
- Dress your own salad. Commercial salad dressings are often high in saturated fat or made with damaging trans-fat oils. Create your own healthy dressings with high-quality, cold-pressed olive oil, flaxseed oil, or sesame oil as the base.

QHS Open House



On March 31st QHS hosted an open house for our commuities of Tk'emlups te Secwepemc, Whispering Pines/ Clinton Indian Band and the Skeetchestn Indian Band.

The Open House was to honor and celebrate the 22 years that we have been providing programs and services to our clients and community. We also had an unveiling of a beautiful bench that was made for our late founding members Sandra Seymour and Rick Jules. It was a heartfelt day surrounded by clients and community.























Welcome Baby Ceremony



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QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT YOUR MEDICATIONS when you see your doctor,

nurse, or pharmacist.

1. CHANGES?

Have any medications been added, stopped or changed, and why?

2. CONTINUE?

What medications do I need to keep taking, and why?

3. PROPER USE?

How do I take my medications, and for how long?

4. MONITOR?

How will I know if my medication is working, and what side effects do I watch for?

5. FOLLOW-UP?

Do I need any tests and when do I book my next visit?









Keep your medication record up to date.

Remember to include:

- ✓ drug allergies
- ✓ vitamins and minerals
- herbal/natural products
- all medications including non-prescription products

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist to review all your medications to see if any can be stopped or reduced.

Visit safemedicationuse.ca for more information.

Everyone-Eats-Anti-Racism QHS Food Sovereignty

For thousands of years, local Indigenous peoples have studied and conserved fragile ecosystems worldwide. The arrival of settlers to the Secwepemcúlecw territory caused devastating disruptions to traditional Indigenous knowledge. Through the processes of colonization and colonialism, many individuals have become disconnected to their food system and the land that supports it (Dennis & Robin, 2020; Grey & Patel, 2015).

Industrial and conventional food systems offer modern-day conveniences that can greatly influence food choices. Indigenous well being is maintained through access to fresh, healthy, traditional foods. (Dennis & Robin, 2020). The Everyone Eats Anti-Racism workshop series is a collaborative community food security initiative between Everyone Eats, the Kamloops Food Policy Council, Thompson Rivers University, School District 73, and Q'wemtsin Health Society.



Chef Chizu presenting to students

The project seeks to explore opportunities in the community to rebuild healthy relationships with the local food system. Another objective is to introduce children from a young age to the concept of food literacy while they are especially impressionable (Kelly & Nash, 2021).

Kindergarten to grade 8 students at Sk'elep School of Excellence and Skeetchestn Community School will have the opportunity to engage with a local chef who will lead students through a cultural cooking class.

This will provide them with the opportunity to engage in an immersive, cross-cultural learning experience. Intercultural learning encourages students' understanding of their own culture and others as well (Caetro & Machado, 2020). This project seeks to increase community inclusivity, food literacy, and health, in the Kamloops and surrounding communities.

Please watch out for our upcoming multicultural cooking classes. These classes are for students of Sk'elep School of Excellance or Skeetchesten Community School. The classes will consist of experiential learning about food from cultures around the world by working with a Chef cooking authentic cuisine. For more information contact Laura Kalina at QHS.



Submitted by Laura Kalina, RD, MAdEd

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Decriminalization: The Facts

What you need to know

Health through wellness



Beginning on Jan. 31, 2023, **possession of small amounts of certain illegal drugs will be decriminalized** in British Columbia. There is a lot of misinformation about what drug decriminalization is and what it isn't. Here are some facts.

What is Decriminalization?



What WILL decriminalization do?

- Reduce stigma, shame and fear.
 People who are using drugs need support and not judgment.
- Decriminalization will allow people to be more open about their use and help to ensure they are connected and cared for. This care and connection can support open conversations on options for healing.
- Reduce the risk of toxic drug poisoning and save lives and relationships.
- There will be continued engagement with communities about how decriminalization will be implemented at home.
- ✓ Make substance use and the toxic drug crisis a public health issue and not a criminal one. This means there will be no criminal record with the associated stigma and legal issues it creates when trying to establish a future life.



What WON'T decriminalization do?

- Enable substance use without decriminalization people will still use but in an unsafe and unsupported way.
- Legalize substances trafficking and producing stays illegal.
- Override First Nations selfdetermination – Nations will still be able to decide what works for them on their own land.

Visit our Decriminalization Q&A to learn more

www.fnha.ca/harmreduction



First Nations Health Authority

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How will decriminalization help?

Decriminalization alone won't solve the toxic drug crisis, but together with harm reduction strategies, treatment and recovery options, overdose prevention, community-based initiatives, and systems of support, decriminalization will help save lives and relationships.

Decriminalization is an important part of a larger response to the toxic drug crisis.

Building a System of Care: Our initiatives span the continuum

		Prov	vincial Peer Networ	k and peer engage	ement		0
gn	Prevention	Harm Reduction	Treatment & Recovery	Systems of Support	Overdose Response Priorities	FNHA-Led Supports	Community-based
Stigma reduction campaign	School-based prevention for youth Nurse/family partnership	Take home Naloxone Lifeguard app Overdose prevention and supervised consumption sites Drug checking	Medication assisted treatment (OAT) Bed-based treatment Detox/withdrawal management Rapid access addictions clinics Aftercare supports	Integrated child and youth teams Complex care housing Team- based care coordination	Inhalation OPS Decriminalization Prescribed safe supply OAT optimization Nurse prescribing	Virtual SU and psychiatry service/doctor of the day First Nations treatment and healing centres Land-based healing Culturally-safe supports	-based initiatives and engagement
Decriminalization							
SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT							

Decriminalization is for and by people who use substances

The BC government consulted with people who use drugs, their advocates and their loved ones to understand their needs and concerns because they are the people most impacted by the toxic drug crisis. Decriminalization didn't come into effect because of government-to-government engagement at any level.

How is the FNHA addressing the toxic drug crisis?

The FNHA's framework for action for addressing the toxic drug crisis is to support people on their healing journeys, create an accessible range of treatment options, keep people safer while using, and prevent people who experience drug poisoning from dying.

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B.C. will be offering a spring booster dose to people most at risk of severe illness 6 months after their last COVID-19 vaccine. Personalized invitations will be sent out in the coming weeks.

People who should get a spring booster include:

People in long-term care or waiting for admission. Older adults and elders: 80 years and older 70 years and older and Indigenous Adults (18+) who are moderately to severely immunocompromised.

In addition, people who have NOT had COVID-19 and are 60 years and older, or 50 years and older and Indigenous can consider getting a spring booster. If you are in this age group and have already had COVID-19, you may not need another booster yet.

How will you know if you've had COVID-19?

If you have ever had a positive COVID-19 test (PCR or rapid antigen test at home) If you ever had symptoms of COVID-19 while a household contact tested positive

If you are unsure if you want a spring 2023 booster, talk to a health care provider or call 1-833-838-2323.

If you are not listed above and you received a booster during the fall of 2022, you still have good protection against severe illness.

http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/getting-a-vaccine

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QHS will be offering COVID-19 Spring Boosters please watch out for up-coming dates!



Find us "Qwemtsin Health Society" on Facebook. This is where you will see current events, workshops, reminders and photos of recent fun activities with youth and in the 3 communities.



Visit our Qwemtsin Health Society website

qwemtsin.org







Resource Numbers

Emergency Assistance

Ambulance/Fire/Police911
Children's Hotline
Kids Helpline 1-800-668-6868
Interior Crisis Line Network 1-888-353-2273 (depression, poverty, abuse, homelessness, suicide)
Kamloops Urgent Response Team 250-377-0088
Kamloops Mental Health Intake 250-377-6500
Kamloops Street Services 250-314-9771
Kamloops R.C.M.P. Victim Services
Kamloops Y Emergency Services
Y Women's Emergency Shelter 250-374-6162
Children Who Witness Abuse 250-376-7800
Outreach Service
Native Court Worker778-375-3289
First Nations and Aborginal Specific Crisis Line. Available 24/7.
Toll Free1-800-588-8717
Youth Line250-723-2040
Adult Line250-723-4050
BC Poisen Control1-800-567-8911

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Urban Native Health Clinic
Secwepemc Child and Family Services 153 Kootenay Way
Toll Free number 1-866-314-9669
Interior Indian Friendship Society 250-376-1296
White Buffalo Aboriginal & Metis Society 250-554-1176
Secwepemc Cultural Education Society 778-471-5789
Native Youth Awareness Centre 250-376-1617
Aboriginal Training & Employment Centre 250-554-4556
Kamloops Native Housing Society 250-374-7643
Secwepemc HUB 250-571-1000
Shuswap Training & Employment Program 778-471-8201



RCMP

Tk'emlúps Detachment	. 250-314-1800
Kamloops City Detachment (Complaints General inquiries)	. 250-828-3000
Downtown Community Policing	. 250-851-9213
North Shore Community Policing	. 250-376-5099
Southeast District	. 250-828-3111
TRU Law Legal Clinic (Free Legal Advice)	.778-471-8490

Addictions

Narcotics Anonymous	. 1-800-414-0296
Al-Anon/Alcoholics Anonymous	250-374-2456
Phoenix Centre	250-374-4684
Raven Program	250-374-4634
Sage Health Centre	250-374-6551
Smokers Health Line	. 1-877-455-2233
Alcohol & Drug Information & Referral Services	. 1-800-663-1441

Kamloops Walk-in Clinics

Summit Medical Clinic	250-374-9800
Kamloops Kinetic Energy	250-828-6637
Kamloops Urgent Care	250-371-4905
North Shore Health Science Centre	250-312-3280

Royal Inland Hospital

Information	250-374-5111
Admitting	250-314-2450
Emergency	250-314-2289

Aboriginal Patient Navigator (RIH)

Deb Donald	. 250-314-2100 (ext. 3109)
Cellphone	250-319-5420

First Nations Health Authority

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Phone	
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