

Newsletter

Fall 2023

Primary Health Care North East 6











Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) and is on the rise in our province, and worse yet, there may be people who are not even aware they are infected which means they are unknowingly exposing their partner(s). Syphilis is primarily spread through sexual intercourse but it can also be transferred from mother to the newborn baby. Syphilis can cause serious health effects without adequate treatment.

Syphilis has 3 stages: primary, secondary and tertiary (late phase). Symptoms of primary and secondary syphilis usually resolve without treatment giving a false sense of recovery to the person. But in fact, syphilis becomes latent and may have no symptoms for many years. During this time, it may be damaging organs leading to tertiary syphilis.

Tertiary syphilis develops in untreated people. The symptoms depend on which organs have been affected. They vary widely and can be difficult to diagnose. Symptoms include: damage to the heart (causing aneurysms or valve disease), central nervous system disorders (neurosyphilis), tumors of the skin, bones or liver. Tertiary syphilis can be permanently disabling and may lead to death.

Primary and secondary syphilis can be cured by appropriate antibiotic treatment if it is diagnosed early and completely treated.

Untreated syphilis during pregnancy may spread to the developing baby. This is called congenital syphilis. Every sexually active individual needs to be aware of the signs and symptoms of syphilis. If in doubt, speak to your family doctor and/or nurse practitioner for further information.

- Dr. Mohammad Khan, Medical Health Officer

Fall Community Wellness Events 1:00 - 3:00 pm - to register please call 306-233-4443

All About Diabetes	WAKAW
 What happens in your body when you have diabetes 	Wed Nov 29
 What do the numbers mean 	ROSTHERN
 Healthy eating, Physical activity, Medication 	Tues Dec 12
All About Your Heart	WAKAW
 Common conditions, blood pressure, cholesterol 	Wed Nov 8
 Healthy eating, Physical activity, Medication 	ROSTHERN
	Tues Nov 28
All about COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)	WAKAW
 What is COPD; how is it diagnosed; preventing flare ups 	Wed Dec 6
 Medications, Physical activity, Healthy eating 	ROSTHERN
	Tues Nov 14
Hearing Care is Health Care	WAKAW
- Presentation by Registered Audiologist Kristen Molnar	Tues Nov 21
 Hearing loss and the brain 	ROSTHERN
 Hearing loss in diabetes & cardiovascular disease 	Tues Dec 5
 Hearing care in SK and early interventions 	



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COMMUNITY VACCINATION CLINICS

Waldheim October 11th 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm Jubilee Center

Rosthern October 13th 1:00 pm - 6:30 pm Rosthern CMC

Duck Lake October 17th 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm Belle-a-Drome

Wakaw October 20th 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm Wakaw Rec Centre

Cudworth October 23rd 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Cudworth Health Centre

Starting October 16th:

Wakaw Thursdays 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm CEC

Wakaw Saturdays 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm CEC



Book appointments by calling 1-833-727-5829 or online at www.4flu.ca

Walk-ins Welcome!

Welcome to *Nadine Ens*, who has accepted the position of Health Services Manager in Rosthern. Nadine will oversee Rosthern Hospital and the Therapies department. Nadine is a RN with 16 years of experience working at the Royal University Hospital and Rosthern Hospital. Please join us in welcoming Nadine to the Primary Health Care team—her education and experience will make her a valuable asset to the network.

Routine Immunizations for the Whole Family

The pandemic disrupted many routine immunizations, but now is good time to get back on track. Did you know there are routine vaccinations for adults too? Immunizations for preventable diseases including measles, chicken pox and mumps provide indirect protection to your family, friends and community. If enough people are vaccinated, it is harder for a preventable disease to gain a foothold in a community.

To discuss your immunization needs, contact your local Public Health Office at 306-232-6001.