

WELCOME TO THE 2020 SUMMER NEWSLETTER!

Read on to find out about the latest updates on our educational programs, international collaborations and projects, and more.

We welcome your feedback and ideas! If you have any topics that you would like to see featured in our upcoming newsletters, please let us know at surgery.international@ubc.ca.



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Join the Master and Graduate Certificate programs at BISC this Fall!

BISC is pleased to announce applications are now open for September 2020 admission for the **Master of Global Surgical Care (MGSC)** and **Graduate Certificate in Global Surgical Care (GCGSC)** programs. The application deadline is **June 19th, 2020**.

Flexible, innovative and fully online, our programs focus on the global burden of unmet surgical care. Learners will build on their health-care related disciplines to gain the fundamental knowledge, critical thinking tools and practical skills needed to lead the way to improved access to care by addressing the gap that exists between surgical need and the equitable provision of safe surgical care in low resource settings.

For more information on admission requirements and how to apply visit our website. If you have any questions, please reach us at surgery.international@ubc.ca.



Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Melanie Morris

Dr. Melanie Morris joined BISC as a co-instructor of SURG 518 - Surgical Care in Canada's Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities with Global Comparisons in January 2020. Dr. Morris is an Indigenous surgeon at the Children's Hospital at the Health Sciences Centre in Winnipeg. She is Metis and is a pediatric surgeon and urologist with a specialty in minimally invasive surgery.

Dr. Morris is an Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. She is the Lead of Indigenous Health at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. She is the founder and Medical Director of the University of Manitoba Global Surgery Office and has done extensive work and teaching in Kenya and Uganda.

Dr. Morris holds various teaching positions within the University of Manitoba including being a faculty in the curriculum for indigenous teaching for medical students

Safe Surgical Care: Strategies During a Pandemic



This free online course aims to inform surgical teams of the risk during pandemics, prepare them to respond appropriately, give them tools to ensure their safety, build pathways to maintain specific surgical services and anticipate and mitigate long term impacts. When appropriate, real life case studies, and clinical examples are provided. Examples and case studies are drawn from the ongoing SARS-CoV2 pandemic, but also from past events like the SARS outbreak in 2003 and the Ebola outbreak in 2014. Learn more and register here.

MODULE TOPICS INCLUDE:

1. What a Surgeon Should Know about Pandemics
2. Surgical Surge Response for Pandemics
3. Protection of Surgical Healthcare Workers
4. Defining and Maintaining Essential Services
5. Global Impact and Ethic Considerations

BISC Strategic Plan 2022 – 2026

BISC is reviewing its key priorities and developing a new strategic plan for 2022 – 2027. Building upon our foundational five-year strategy (2016 – 2021), the new plan will see the development of exciting areas of growth for the Branch through our educational programs and our global partnerships. Starting Fall 2020, we will organize focus groups within all disciplines and specialties in Surgery to discuss what **you think** we should work on. Stay tuned for updates in future newsletters! In the meantime, we always welcome your feedback and comments on BISC's current and future activities. Please write to us with your ideas: surgery.international@ubc.ca

