

Speaker Bios

Presentation #1 - Linda Bullock, Providence Health Care - Violence in the Workplace

Linda Bullock is the Coordinator of the Violence Prevention Program and the Nursing Coordinator of the CISM Team for Providence Health Care. She has over 40 years of experience in Psychiatric Nursing and Occupational Health Nursing and has been focusing on the prevention and management of aggression in acute and residential health care settings for the past 7 years.

Presentation #2 - Barb Purdy, Free to Be - Musculoskeletal Injuries (MSIs)

Barbara Purdy is a practicing Physical Therapist and Occupational Therapist, with a specialty in Ergonomics. She has extensive experience working in hospitals, clinics, care facilities and private homes, as well as working internationally.

She is the director of *"Free to Be" Rehab Consulting*. In addition to her clinical work, Barbara develops injury prevention and risk management programs, gives individualized workshops and creates educational publications that promote safety and wellness. Her experiential programs include "No-Lift" patient handling, office ergonomics and Emergency Evacuation.

Her clients, among others, are the Northern Health Authority, ICBC, WorkSafeBC, UBC School of Rehab Medicine and several local care facilities. She is currently the MSIP Advisor for worker safety at Providence Health Care.

Presentation #3- Andrew Ross, City of Vancouver - Needlesticks

Andrew Ross completed a Master of Science degree from UBC in occupational hygiene, the science of protecting the health and safety of people in the workplace and community. He has worked for the Canadian Coast Guard, UBC, and WorkSafeBC.

Since 2000 he has been the Occupational Hygiene Coordinator at the City of Vancouver and is responsible for ensuring compliance with the WorkSafeBC's OH&S Regulations, safety program administration, training and consulting on occupational health and exposure issues for all the business units at the City.

Presentation #4 - Pam Mandarin and Lis Vallaster, Vancouver Coastal Health – Bed Bug Infestation

Pam Mandarin

District Inspector

Environmental Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health

Education background: BSc in microbiology. Currently working on Master's in Environment and Management

Lis Vallaster

West Nile Virus Prevention Program Coordinator, Vancouver Coastal Health

Environmental Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health - 14 years

Education background: BSc in biology. Currently working on Master's in Public Health