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CONFIRMED DATES & KEYNOTE SPEAKER for OSCARCON '23!

OSCARCON '23: Optimizing Your OSCAR EMR Experience will be an invaluable 2-day opportunity for OSCAR EMR users, partners, service providers, developers and academics to come together to learn, collaborate and strategize how OSCAR EMR can continue to be optimized for a stronger health provider community at large. Indeed, this is our primary goal and OSCARCON '23 is a key event to achieve this!

This year's Conference will be 2 full days chocked full of great speakers, presentations and workshops on the following themes, ***"Utilizing Features for Improving Efficiency and Effectiveness"*** and ***"The Future of OSCAR."***

As well as indepth exploration and discussions what Future of OSCAR holds, our program of presentations and workshops are being designed to provide relevant and practical learning content to help all OSCAR Users, such as *Billing, eForms and RbT's, Measurements, Automations, Streamlining Workflows, Data Forks and Conversions*, and more! In fact, by popular demand, we will again be offering doctors to "Bring Your MOA's for FREE" in our registration package (Early Bird Registration will open in May).

We are also thrilled to confirm our **Keynote Speaker, Dr. David Chan**, and we look forward to hearing his thoughts about what the *Future of OSCAR* may hold, with a follow-up

and indepth discussion, *OSCAR 2.0 in NextCloud: Lessons From Another Successful Open Source Platform*.



Dr. David Chan is the original developer of OSCAR, a Professor Emeritus and former Director of Information Technology with the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University before his retirement in 2016. He currently maintains a part time clinical practice with a focus in the Care of the Elderly, as well as giving lectures in a McMaster Summer eHealth program. Prior to entering the field of medicine, Dr. Chan worked as a software engineer. Dr. Chan has been devoted to developing Free/Open Source Software (FOSS) solutions to enhance patient care for more than three decades.

Stay tuned for more details about **"OSCARCON '23: Optimizing Your OSCARCON EMR Experience"** as they are confirmed, in our newsletter and our [website](#) - and be sure to follow us on social media where updates and announcements are also posted as they are confirmed.




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 - in select Powerpoint presentation templates ;
- Mention in our morning welcome and/or closing comments;
- Option to provide your organization’s branded promotional gifts for event participants.

*individual gifts of any value are also welcomed and will be acknowledged accordingly.

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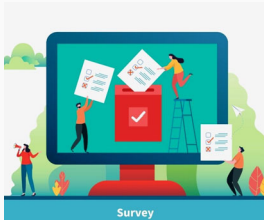
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OSCAR BC Annual Services Survey 2023: We Asked, You Answered, and We're Listening!

Thank you to everyone who responded to our **OSCAR BC Annual Services Survey 2023**. We are reviewing your responses, and will be working hard to address your feedback - positive and negative - through our work in coming months.

The first way we're doing that is building an agenda filled with dynamic and relevant content for OSCARCON '23, to ensure that workshops, presentations and speakers address the most pressing needs and pains that you've expressed. Stay tuned for more about that when we release the line-up and open Early Bird Registration in April!



New & Updated eForms

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Unless indicated otherwise, eForm update information notes have been provided by the OSCAR Librarian Dr. John G.M. Robertson. Use the links highlighted or the BC eForms Search box on the [OSCAR BC website](#).

1. In the process of making this [FH Pulmonary Diagnostics Referral eForm](#) I had occasion to create an input for the time of the appointment the patient will have. After some help from Peter Hutten Czapski I was able to use the calendar function inside OSCAR to do this. In case this was useful for others making eForms I have posted [a 10 minute video](#) going over the steps. eForm Posted [HERE](#)

2. I was asked by the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice to create an [eForm for the Lions Gate Hospital Rapid Access Spinal Clinic](#). I made a version in 2020, which is still the same as what is posted on their website, however, they are rejecting it and have a new form (which has not yet been published on their website). I have removed the previous form from the OSCAR Galaxy web page. This new form incorporates the latest xbox code as described by Peter today. eForm Posted [HERE](#)

3. Created By Gunther Klein, the new [X-ray Outpatient Requisition E-form for Island Health](#). The previous one in use had a background image from 2013. This one has the most recent background from 2019 (after the VIHA to "Island Health" rebranding). I built in a CSS based solution for the second page printing issue, if you're interested, by way of some show/hide buttons to allow printing of either page on their own, or both together. I tried out a few different methods and this seemed the most intuitive. eForm Posted [HERE](#)

4. [Time tracker tool](#) by David Page licensed under [CC BY-NC-SA 4.0](#). A reminder to all - if you click the download button near the top of the page, you will get a zipped file with all the other files inside it. *NB: If you wish to download the Instructions, the greasemonkey script, and the zipped eForm separately, scroll to the bottom of the page.* eForm Posted [HERE](#)

5 - 8 I started creating the **General Medical Genetics Referral** form for BCWH and BCCH and then realized that this referenced **4 other referral forms**. These eForms all have the updated Content Delivery Network(s) (CDN) references for the Javascript (thank you Peter HC) and the new Xbox and Radiobox code (thank you John Wilson). They have various other menus, drop down lists etc.

NB: with the new independent javascript for Xbox and Radio Box functionality if the inputs have other functionality they require a different event to be tracked. I have used onmouseup to execute those functions, this appears to work better than onmousedown especially for showing required fields.

[General Medical Genetics Referral eForm](#) BCWH BCCH Posted [HERE](#)

[General Medical Genetics Referral eForm](#) Vancouver Island (Victoria General)
Posted [HERE](#)

[Prenatal Medical Genetics Referral eForm](#) Vancouver Island (Victoria General)
Posted [HERE](#)

[Release of Information for BC Hospitals](#) eForm Posted [HERE](#)

9. Created at the request of the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice and Dr. Richard Darby. The [Fraser Cascade Child and Youth Mental Health Collateral Information Form](#) – For Community Use. Posted [HERE](#)

10. Created by Günther Klein, this eForm is for [Referral to Campbell River Hospital's Respiratory Services for Pulmonary Function Testing](#). Posted [HERE](#)

11. The eForm version of the [Referral for General Outpatient Services at Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre](#) has been created. Posted [HERE](#)

12. From Günther Klein - I was asked to [eForm the new Bone and Joint clinic referral for Campbell River and Comox Valley hospitals](#) (North Island Hospitals). Posted [HERE](#)

13. [Postnatal Constitutional Cytogenetics Laboratory Requisition for BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital](#). Created under the auspices of OSCAR BC for the First Nations Aboriginal Primary Care Network. I have used Dr. Klein's code for managing the second page. Posted [HERE](#)

14. Created for the First Nations Aboriginal Primary Care Network as requested through OSCAR BC. [Referral to the BC Women's and Children's Constitutional Cytogenetics Laboratory](#). Posted [HERE](#)

15. Created for the Chilliwack Division of Family Practice as requested by Dr. Richard Darby. The [referral form for Geriatric Mental Health in Fraser Canyon Hospital \(Hope, BC\)](#). This is a 4 page form, but with the use of Dr. Klein's CSS hack (Thanks again Günther!) it can be viewed and printed page by page, or all 4 pages together. Posted [HERE](#)

16. As requested by PCRM through OSCAR BC, the [2023 referral form for the Pacific Centre for Reproductive Medicine](#) has been created. Posted [HERE](#)

17. Updated [eFORM: Restore Sports Medicine](#). This clinic serves the Lower Mainland and has now relocated to North Burnaby. It now offers EMG and allied provider services (physio, chiro, RMT). The eFORM has been updated to V3_Mar17_2023. Posted [HERE](#)

+1 RbT! From Dr. David Page, an RbT (Report by Template) [BC Billing Time Units and Admin Billing](#). Posted [HERE](#)

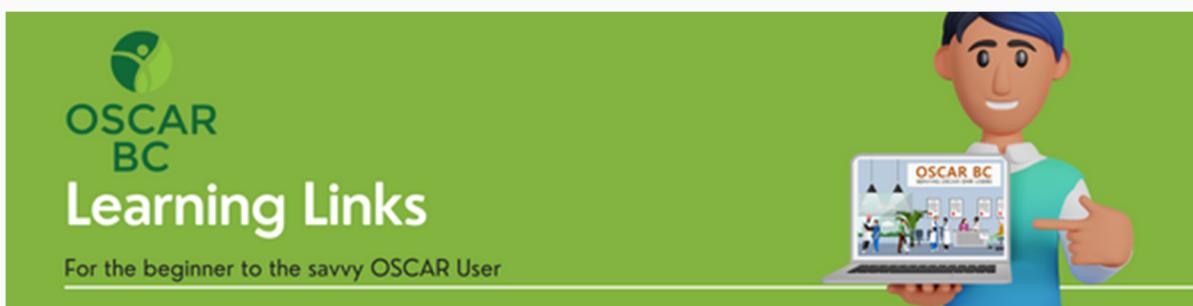


Need a New or Updated eForm?

OSCAR BC can prepare a customized eForm for you.

[Contact us here and tell us what you need](#), and we'll send you a quote (we generally respond within a week with your quote). If you have multiple forms, please submit a separate request for each form.

Did You Know? OSCAR BC Members receive discounted rates for eForm orders!



OSCAR BC is pleased to support OSCAR EMR users by facilitating education through live webinars and by sharing instructional videos on your [YouTube OSCAR BC Learning Channel](#)



New: Introduction to the Calendar in eForms

A 10 minute review of inserting calendars in to eForms in OSCAR.

Presented by Dr. John Robertson



Prescribing Module - OSCAR EMR

Webinar Leads: Dr. John Yap and Patti Scott, Practice Improvement and Change Manager, with webinar presentation [PDF content](#) also provided by Allison Nourse.

NB: New prescribing rules in 2023 from Govt of BC - see "Did You Know?" below



Must Reads for OSCAR Users

from our Online Resources at



- [Pharmacy-related Prescription Writing Tips](#)
- [Oscar EMR Intro for New Users-Instruction Sheets](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Pharmacy services are expanding in 2023

"In 2023, pharmacists will be able to prescribe some medications independently. This will include some forms of contraception and medication to treat minor ailments. This means you will be able to access care faster when you need it."

credit: Government of BC website

IN THE NEWS

WELL Health joins Digital Technology Supercluster Project to Advance Interoperability and Leverage AI to Reduce Provider Burdens

Excerpt: "There has historically been large amounts of data locked in outdated and inefficient electronic medical records ("EMR") that have proven to be a major cause of burnout for physicians. Sorting through massive amounts of data takes a physician's time away from delivering care to their patients"

credit: PRNews

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Membership

- Discounts on OSCAR BC events and activities, such as webinars, workshops and annual conference OSCARCON, all designed to help members become more proficient OSCAR EMR users
- Opportunities to network with other OSCAR BC members and build relationships with like-minded individuals.
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