

Report to the Board

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Chief Executive Officer
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New Physicians:

- ◆ Dr. Owen Heisler, Chief Medical Officer
- ◆ Dr. Lyall Higginson, Medical Director, Heart Health Program
- ◆ Dr. Stephen Hentschel, Chief, Neurosurgery
- ◆ New physicians in Nanaimo: 3 ERPs, 1 Psychiatrist, 1 Anesthesiologist, 1 Ob/Gyn, 1 Oral Maxillo Facial Surgeon, 4 GPs and 1 Pathologist (since July 2007)

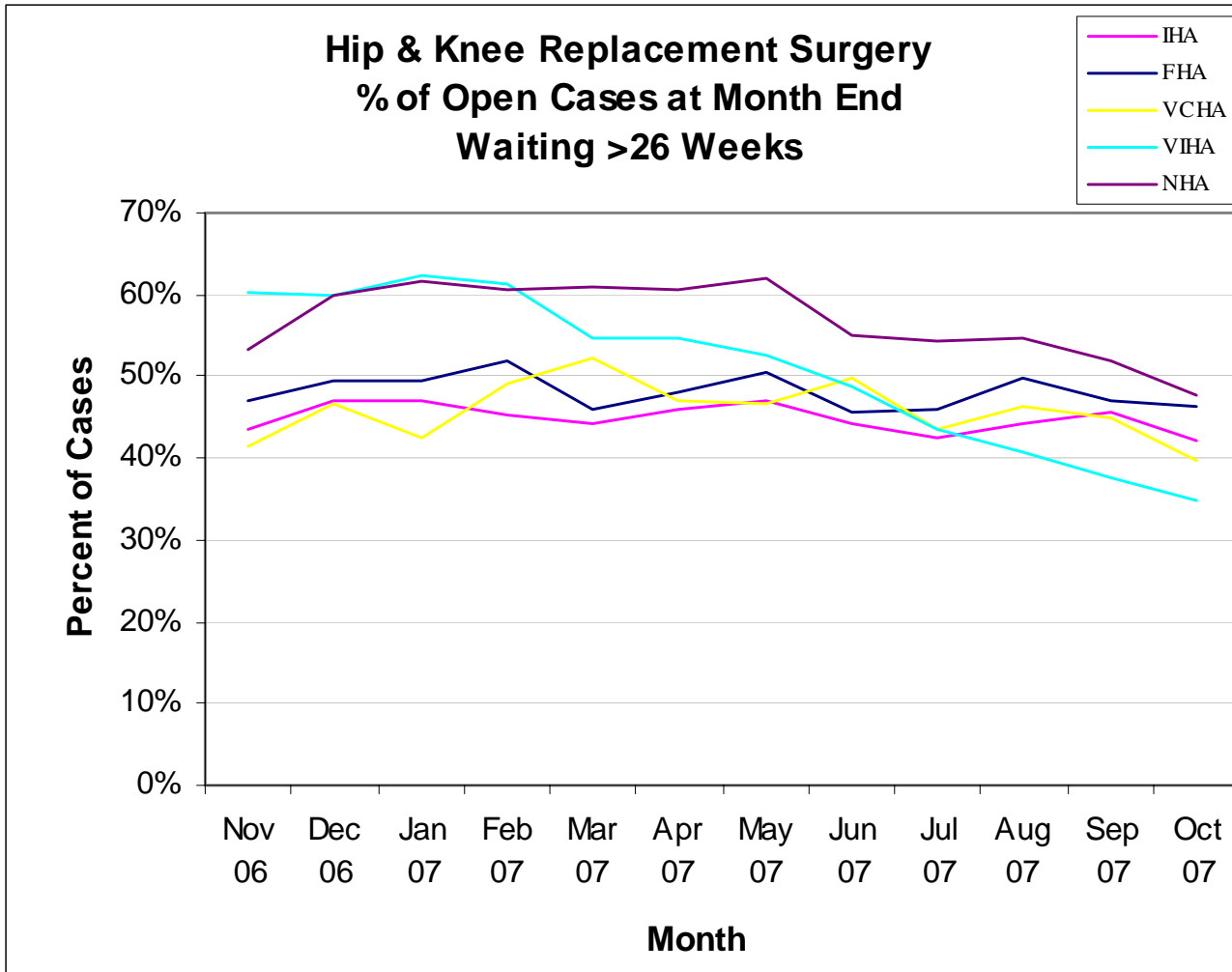
Access, Flow, Wait Times:

- ◆ Up to 100 new beds being added, VIHA wide, including up to:
 - ▶ 14 medical beds at NRGH
 - ▶ 12 medical beds at CDH
 - ▶ 40 residential care beds at GRH
 - ▶ 26 beds at VGH, RJH, SPH
- ◆ Total cost to March 31: \$4 million

Access, Flow, Wait Times:

- ◆ Therapy Response Teams at RJH, NRGH
 - ◆ Early focused rehab assessment and intervention for targeted patients
- ◆ Geriatric Evaluation and Management, NRGH
 - ◆ Inpatient service established Fall 2007
 - ◆ Consists of GP and RN who work with Therapy Response Team

Hip & Knee Wait Times Down:



NRGH Priorities:

- ◆ Key priority is to enhance Nanaimo Regional General Hospital's role as a Regional Referral Centre
- ◆ Focus on Surgical, Perinatal, Emergency and Renal Services

Central Island Investments:

- ◆ Surgical Services:
 - ▶ \$23 million surgical project (new OR suites) opened in April 2005 with state of the art technology
 - ▶ Storz Image 1Room is one of the most sophisticated operating room theatres in North America

Central Island Investments:

- ◆ Maternal/Family Services:
 - ▶ New \$16 million family-centred perinatal unit opened Fall 2007
 - ▶ Increased number of neonatal intensive care beds from 5 to 9
 - Allows for higher level of care so more seriously ill babies can stay at NRGH rather than being transferred to Victoria or Vancouver

Central Island Investments:

- ◆ Emergency Department Planning:
 - ▶ Expansion of Emergency Department estimated at \$20 million with additional psychiatric resources, including 8 psychiatric intensive care beds
 - Will significantly improve current ER which is VIHA's busiest ER with 45,000 visits per year

Central Island Investments:

- ◆ Renal Services Planning:
 - ▶ Planning underway for a new \$13.5 million Renal Unit that will be located on the first floor of the new Perinatal Unit
 - ▶ Project currently in planning stages

Central Island Investments:

- ◆ Residential Care/Assisted Living:
 - ▶ Wexford Creek: New 140 residential care bed, 30 assisted living unit site to open 2008
 - ▶ One of 7 similar projects underway within VIHA communities with total capacity of 1,230 residential care beds and assisted living units (930 net new and 300 replacement)

Other Central Island Investments:

- ◆ Enhanced services for children, youth and families to include hearing screening and dental services
- ◆ Enhanced mental health and addictions (including non-medical detox, improved crisis response, and development of supportive living beds) and home and community care
- ◆ June 2007, a 23-bed homeless shelter opened in Nanaimo - the New Hope Centre provides 24-hour, 7-days a week support

Harm Reduction Strategies:

- ◆ Proposed harm reduction strategies for crack cocaine have generated confusion and controversy
- ◆ Chief MHO made harm reduction presentation to Nanaimo City Council in September
 - ▶ Presentation is available from VIHA
- ◆ VIHA committed to full community consultation before proceeding with harm reduction strategies