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FROM Glenn McRae, VP Quality, Research & Academic Affairs, and
Interim VP Clinical Services

DATE August 13, 2025

RE: Executive Medical Director - Quality

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Launny Lowden was the successful candidate for the role of Executive Medical Director (EMD), Quality. Her first day will be August 18, 2025. The EMD, Quality is responsible for providing leadership and support to medical and operational leaders including for quality and patient safety, infection prevention and control, research, evaluation and engagement.



Dr. Lowden has been with Interior Health since 2017 as a Diagnostic and Clinical Pathologist at the East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook, where she also performs work for the BC Coroners Service and as a surgical assist. Quality has been a constant focus throughout her career and various leadership roles, including as Department Head, Medical Director of Laboratory Services, and Medical Director of Patient Safety. She has led and contributed to multiple initiatives across Interior Health, as well as provincially through the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA) and nationally with the Canadian Association of Pathologists. She has been active with the UBC Faculty of Medicine and holds leadership positions in lab medicine with the Doctors of BC and Royal College of Physician and Surgeons of Canada.

Dr. Lowden is passionate about quality, patient safety, and environmental sustainability in healthcare. Outside of her professional life, Launny enjoys musical theatre and all the outdoor recreation the Kootenays have to offer. She lives off-grid on a mountain farm in Ktunaxa territory with her young family.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Lowden to her new role.