

Bio: Dr. Jane Buxton & Jan Palaty



- ❧ Dr. Jane Buxton was a family physician in the UK for 7 years and completed her public health training at UBC. Jane (or Dr Buxton depending on how formal you like to be) is professor and practicum director of the Masters of Public Health program in the School of Population and Public Health at UBC. She is a physician epidemiologist (hepatitis and blood borne pathogen surveillance) and harm reduction lead at BC Centre for Disease Control, where she developed and chairs the multi-sectorial Drug Overdose and Alert Partnership and introduced the provincial take-home-naloxone (an antidote to opioid overdose) program in 2012. Her research and program evaluation focusses on illegal drug use epidemiology, harm reduction and hepatitis where she uses quantitative, qualitative and participatory methods.
- ❧ Dr. Jan Palaty obtained his PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences from UBC in 1995 and has been a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemists since 2000. He has been with LifeLabs and BC Biomedical Laboratories since 1995, where his specialty is testing for endogenous compounds and drugs of abuse by mass spectrometry.