

# Island Health Research Dispatch



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**Hot off the press:** read Island Health's [Research Data Management Strategy](#).

**Contest alert!** Since its introduction at Island Health in January 2014, **983** REDCap projects have been created to collect and manage data to research, innovation, quality improvement, and health services management. **When will we reach 1,000 projects? Guess the date and enter to win!** The first 3 people to guess the correct date will win some fabulous REDCap swag.

- [Make your guess!](#)
- Learn more about [REDCap at Island Health](#).

## EVENTS

**SAVE THE DATE for Five Days in May 2023, BC's annual health research showcase!** Every year, this series of events brings together researchers and students, patients and healthcare providers, decision-makers and members of the public to educate, inform, inspire, and stimulate conversation.

Join us every **Tuesday** in May for a fantastic lineup on themes including indigenous health, climate change, food insecurity, seniors health, substance use, and mental health for healthcare employees.



- **March 2 (1 – 2 pm):** Enhancement of Congenital Anomalies in British Columbia (BC Ministry of Health Knowledge Exchange Rounds) [Join via Teams Live](#) \* Attendees external to B.C. Public service should join using Edge or Chrome browser
- **March 7 (9 – 10 am):** [Understanding experiences of stress during the COVID-19 pandemic among adults from the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging \(CLSA\)](#)
- **March 10 (7:30 – 8:30 am):** [Introduction to Quantitative Analysis Using SPSS](#) (Newfoundland and Labrador Support Unit)
- **March 15 (7:30 – 9 am):** [Refining your research question: A workshop on taking abstract ideas and turning them into something doable](#) (Newfoundland and Labrador Support Unit)
- **March 15 (12 – 1 pm):** [Cultural Safety & Humility in Quality Improvement](#) (BCPSQC)
- **March 21 (2 – 2:45 pm):** [oline Twiss on the Freedom of Information and Privacy of Privacy Act \(FIPPA\) in Review](#) (presented by Island Health's Research Ethics Boards)
- **March 30 (7:30 – 9 am):** [Data collection tools: How to develop a survey](#) (Newfoundland and Labrador Support Unit)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



## Going for a grant? Let us know!

All Island Health employees or affiliates who plan to submit an external grant application must complete a [Notice of Intent to Apply](#). This helps us connect you with the right people and departments, develop your budget, and request letters of support on your behalf.

External researchers can request letters of support through this [form](#).

### Canadian Institutes of Health Research

- [Café Scientifique Program for Health Research](#) (Application deadline: March 15, 2023)
- [Catalyst Grant: HIV/AIDS and STBBI Community-Based Research](#) (Application deadline: May 2, 2023)
- [Catalyst Grant: STBBI Research in Canada: Beyond HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C](#) (Application deadline: May 16, 2023)
- Other CIHR [funding opportunities](#).
- Upcoming and archived [CIHR webinars](#).

## GET INVOLVED

Looking for more study opportunities? Sign up for [REACH BC](#) and get matched with research that fits your interests, or submit your study to find participants.

### Survey Opportunity: Virtual Overdose Prevention Strategies

New Virtual Overdose Prevention Service technologies may help save lives as the Opioid Crisis continues, especially among people who use substances alone. These technologies include a variety of smartphone apps (e.g. Digital Overdose Response System App, DORS) and a national phone line (the National Overdose Response Service, NORS). Virtual Overdose Prevention Services can help ensure emergency services are activated if a person becomes unresponsive.

This research study is being conducted by Dr. Monty Ghosh and colleagues from the University of Calgary, Faculty of Medicine. It is open to all individuals living in Canada.

Your responses will help inform the future development of safe and effective Virtual Overdose Prevention Services. **Health sector employees play a critical role in addressing the overdose crisis and thus their perspectives on these new technologies are critically important.** Please

access the survey [here](#). The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete (a bit more if you have lived experience of substance use). Thank you for your participation!

You can contact Dr. Nathan Rider, the study lead, with any questions at [ndrider@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ndrider@ucalgary.ca).

*This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (REB21-1646). Island Health is not involved in this research study, which has not been reviewed by an Island Health Research Ethics Board. This study was funded by a contribution from Health Canada's Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP).*

### **Survey Opportunity: Getting to Know Residents in Long-Term Care**

Knowing residents living in long-term care homes is an important factor in providing person-centered care, yet little is known about how staff get to know the residents they care for.

**If you are working in a long-term care home in Canada, we invite you to complete a one-time online survey on the approaches used to get to know residents in the long-term care home where you work.**

You will also be asked to provide some public data on the long-term care home and sociodemographic indicators about yourself (job title, years of seniority). The time required to complete it is estimated at 30 minutes.

If you would like to participate in this research project, please click the link below: <https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/YPLJBZF>

If you have any questions about the research, please contact the Primary Investigator, Annie Robitaille at [arobitai@uottawa.ca](mailto:arobitai@uottawa.ca) (Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences, University of Ottawa, Commissionaires Ottawa Research Chair in Frailty-Informed Care, Centre of Excellence, Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre).

*The University of Ottawa Research Ethics Board has approved the ethical components of this project. Clearance number H-11-21-7606. Should you have any ethical concerns with the study, please contact University of Ottawa (by phone: 613-562-5387 or by email: [ethics@uottawa.ca](mailto:ethics@uottawa.ca)). Island Health is not involved in this research study, which has not been reviewed by an Island Health Research Ethics Board.*

*Before Canada and BC were formed, Indigenous peoples lived in balance and interconnectedness with the land and water in which the necessities of life are provided. Health disparities persist, which are due to the impacts of colonization and Indigenous-specific racism. Healthy lands, healthy people. Island Health acknowledges and recognizes these homelands and the stewardship of Indigenous peoples of this land; it is with humility we continue to work toward building our relationship.*

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