

May 2022

ISLAND HEALTH RESEARCH DISPATCH



Patient-Oriented Research in BC: Five Years In

The results are in! [An evaluation](#) of the first five years of The [BC SUPPORT Unit](#) is now available (2016/17 – 21/22). The British Columbia (BC) Support for People and POR and Trials (SUPPORT) Unit’s goal is to support, streamline, and increase patient-oriented research (POR) across BC.

[The evaluation](#) found that the Unit is making progress toward this goal, aided by its ingrained provincial infrastructure and a diverse array of activities and supports – from training to data platforms and services.

Moving forward, the evaluation recommends that the Unit increase its focus on equity and diversity to engage a broader range of patient populations; increase awareness and visibility; and continue to engage stakeholders in strategic planning.

Interested in patient-oriented research? [Get in touch](#) with the Island team!

Quality Improvement Projects Across Island Health

Check out the latest issue of *QI for You & I*, an island-wide listing of current Quality Improvement initiatives: Building Community & Capacity for Quality Improvement. (Attached as a PDF.)

Funding Opportunities

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

- [Team Grant: Indigenous Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative Cohort Research Study](#) - **Jun. 8, 2022** application deadline
- [Team Grant: Mental Health in the Early Years Implementation Science](#) - **Jun. 16, 2022** application deadline
- [Operating Grant: Clinical Trials Projects](#) (Application deadline: July 5, 2022)
- [Training Grant: Clinical Trials Training Platforms](#) (Application deadline: July 12, 2022)
- [Project Grant \(pre-announcement\)](#) - Anticipated Program launch: Jul. 5, 2022; Registration deadline: Aug. 17, 2022; Application Deadline: Sep. 14, 2022
- [National Standards for Mental Health Services: Funding \(pre-announcement\)](#): Anticipated Program Launch: June 2022; Registration Deadline: August 2022; Application Deadline: September 2022
- [Operating Grant: Psilocybin-assisted Psychotherapy for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders](#); Registration: Sep. 6, 2022; Application Deadline: Oct. 4, 2022 * [Webinar](#): Thu Jun. 9, 2022 at 12:00 noon PT to support participants with the requirements of the funding opportunity and to answer questions on how to apply.
- [Training Grant: Patient-Oriented Research Training Grant - Health System Stream](#) - Application deadline: Sep. 8, 2022 * The Principle Applicant for this funding opportunity must be a non-governmental Canadian health system or related organization; an independent researcher is required as a secondary mentor.

Other

- [WorkSafeBC Applied Innovation research grants competition](#) - **Letter of Intent due**: June 10, 2022, 4 p.m. PDT

Interested in applying for an external grant?

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

Five Days in May ... Plus Two in June!



Five Days in May is celebrating its 10th anniversary. This year, Island Health is collaborating with First Nations Health Authority, Fraser Health, Interior Health, Northern Health and the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute for a provincial edition of Five Days in May. Themes for this year's event include Mental Health and Substance Use,

Community Health, COVID-19, Indigenous Health, Seniors Health, Rural Health as well as Practical Skills sessions.

- In case you missed any previous Island Health events, check out our archive of recordings on [Vimeo!](#)
- View the [program](#) and [register for our final May 31st events](#)

Two events planned for May have been rescheduled in June. We hope you can join us then.

Monday, June 13th (11 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

The Neil and Susan Manning Cognitive Health Initiative at 5 Years: Creating a Learning Health System for Cognitive Disorders

The Neil and Susan Cognitive Health Initiative is a donor-initiated collaboration between Island Health, UVic, and UBC, to improve diagnostic and treatment opportunities for patients with dementia and related disorders. As part of the initiative, a Specialist Memory Clinic has been created at Island Health. This clinic has been created with purpose, to encompass the elements that constitute a Learning Health System. We will review these elements and describe how activities within our Initiative and Clinic embody the creation of a learning health system for dementia care.

Presenters:

- Alexandre Henri-Bhargava, MDCM, MScCH, FRCPC (Medical Director, Neil and Susan Manning Cognitive Health Initiative; Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine, UBC; Affiliate Associate Professor, Division of Medical Sciences, University of Victoria)
- Kristine Votova (Director, Medical and Academic Affairs, Island Health; Adjunct Professor, Division of Medical Sciences, University of Victoria)

Zoom Connection Details:

<https://islandhealth.zoom.us/j/61061528643?pwd=R2JQNkpwTHE0dHh4dGJTTTdQNnJ2UT09>

Meeting ID: 610 6152 8643

Passcode: 862363

Tuesday, June 14th (2 – 3 p.m.)

BC's Research Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Good, the Bad and the Future

During the COVID-19 pandemic, health research findings saved lives and eased the suffering of millions across the globe. But there is no question that the unprecedented mobilization of research could have been more effective. As we come out of the pandemic, what are the lessons learned about the role of research in a global pandemic? In particular, how did BC fare in comparison to other jurisdictions, and where

might we play to our strengths and address our weaknesses? Join BC Strategic Research Advisory Committee Co-Chairs David Patrick and Bev Holmes for a conversation about what went well, what did not go well, and where we go from here as our provincial research system builds back better after COVID-19.

Presenters:

- Bev Holmes, PhD, C. Dir, MA (CEO, Michael Smith Health Research BC)
- David Patrick, MD (Director of Research, BC Centre for Disease Control)

Moderator:

- Cindy Trytten, CHE, MSc (Director, Research, Island Health)

Zoom Connection Details:

<https://islandhealth.zoom.us/j/66911446289?pwd=QlZGSUdXNnJiN2xTdEJicVY3cWFjUT09>

Meeting ID: 669 1144 6289

Passcode: 661911

Upcoming Events

[Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research \(CAHSPR\) Virtual Conference](#)

May 31-Jun. 2, 2022

This year's theme is "The Power and Promise of Canadian Health Services and Policy Research".

[BC Patient Safety & Quality Council: Quality Forum 2022](#)

May 31-Jun. 2, 2022

Annual conference that brings together British Columbia's health care community to share and discuss how to improve quality across the continuum of care

[Knowledge Democracy in Action: Opening Space for Diverse Ways of Knowing](#) (KT Connects)

Jun. 3, 2022 | 12 – 12:45 p.m.

Want to learn how you can examine your role in democratizing and decolonizing knowledge towards justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion — and ultimately better wellness outcomes for all citizens? Knowledge democracy is about intentionally linking values of justice, fairness, and action to the process of creating, sharing, and using knowledge to honour the interrelationship of phenomena. Join in for another exciting KT Connects session as Marika Sandrelli shares her work on knowledge democracy.

[Visioning the Future: First Nations, Inuit, & Métis Population and Public Health Series – National Indigenous Organizations \(ITK, MNC, AFN\)](#) (National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health)

Jun. 10, 2022 | 10 - 11:30 a.m.

[BC Patient Safety & Quality Council and Rural Coordination Centre of BC: Towards Unity for Health 2022 Conference](#)

Aug. 16-19, 2022

International, intersectoral and intergenerational in-person and virtual conference with keynote sessions, documentaries, TUFH Talks, workshops and oral presentations.

Participation Opportunities

Share Your COVID-19 Experiences as a Healthcare Worker

Researchers from the University of Victoria are inviting healthcare workers to take part in an online survey examining the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on healthcare workers' wellbeing. We aim to understand how people who work in healthcare settings have been impacted, and what kinds of policies, practices or supports could help support this vital workforce.

The survey is open to anyone who works in a healthcare field or setting in either **British Columbia** or **Ontario**, is 18 or older, can complete an online questionnaire in English and has access to an internet connection and device in order to complete the online survey. **Whether you provide direct patient care, work in a supportive role, or provide administrative support/leadership, we would like to hear from you and understand your experiences through this pandemic.**

The survey takes around 40-50 minutes to complete, and you can **request a personalized link to access the survey by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/3tJCvPN>**. Personalized survey links will be sent to the email address you provide within 24-48 hours.

Participants will be offered a \$5 Tim Hortons gift card, and be entered into a draw to win one of several prizes up to \$500.

This survey is completely voluntary and you can stop completing it at any time. You can also skip any questions you don't wish to answer.

Whether you participate or not, we offer profound thanks for all you do.

This study's Research Ethics ID number is H21-02858. Further information can be obtained from Principal Investigators Brianna Turner (briannat@uvic.ca) and Theone Paterson (tpaterson@uvic.ca).

Have Your Say – Help Us Improve Island Health’s Institutional Review Process

This survey is a quality improvement initiative designed to assist us in 1) refining our processes to enhance experience and, 2) sustaining elements that support an optimal experience.

The survey is for those who:

- 1) apply for Institutional review to conduct research at Island Health
- 2) review and approve operational requests to conduct research studies in their departments/programs
- 3) conduct research ethics reviews (i.e. REB members)
- 4) support the administration/coordination of the review processes in the Research Department

If you have more than one of these roles, please complete a separate survey for each role. The survey does not collect names, however we are collecting the general role that you interact with the process in and your department/areas of work, therefore participation is anonymized. This means we do not have any direct link between you and your responses but you may be identified indirectly. This survey is a quality improvement initiative for the internal purposes of the Research Department. As such it did not require formal research ethics review. A high level summary of the results will be provided in a future edition of the Island Health Research Dispatch.

Please access the survey [here](#). The survey will be open until the end of June.

Help the Canadian Institutes of Health Research identify, remove, and prevent barriers to accessibility in the health research funding system

Are you a health researcher, trainee or student who has experienced ableism or barriers related to accessibility? Or are you a person who has supported others trying to navigate the health research funding system? If yes, connect with CIHR to help them build an action plan on accessibility. [Learn more](#).

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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