

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Please join us for a special presentation to celebrate International Women's Day 2018. During this presentation, Dr. Lori Brotto and Karen Gelb will provide a summary of the new "Women's Health Research Agenda" and Ann Pederson will provide an overview of a new set of online courses being released by BC Women's Hospital that were developed to improve the health sector response to gender-based violence.

Title: **Women's Health Research Agenda and Improving the Health Sector Response to Gender-based Violence**

Presenters: **Dr. Lori Brotto, Karen Gelb, Ann Pederson**

Date: **Thursday, March 8, 2018**

Time: **12:00pm – 12:45pm**

Location: **D204 – Shaughnessy Building**

Background:

International Women's Day is on March 8, 2018 and is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. The Women's Health Research Institute has been working over the past year to develop a "Women's Health Research Agenda" and we would like to showcase the key findings of the research agenda during a special noon-hour presentation on this day. A research agenda seeks to facilitate research innovations in women's health and see those innovations translated into health care practice and policy. While not possible to identify every area of women's health research, an agenda serves as an overarching guiding document that can be used by all those engaged in the women's health research enterprise. It is intended to be useful, practical, and applied.

One step toward gender parity that BC Women's is currently undertaking is the release of four online courses to improve the health sector response to gender-based violence (GBV). GBV is violence perpetrated against someone based on their gender expression, gender identity, or perceived gender. GBV has serious and potentially long-lasting physical and mental health effects. Though anyone can experience GBV, women are most often affected by intimate partner violence and/or sexual assault, though both are known to be under-reported. Women say they are willing to disclose violence to health care providers but report not being asked, while health care providers report not knowing how to respond to a disclosure. BC Women's created this resource in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Ending the Violence Association of BC. We will introduce the course and explain how anyone who is interested can take it through the PHSA Learning Hub.