

Events, Workshops, and Seminars

- (1) **NEW! Special Lunchtime Rounds: “Regulated Clinical Research at C&W”.** (BCWH/WHRI) **October 2, 2019, 12:30-1:30pm at BCWH SHY D308.** Come hear Peter Subrt, C&W Clinical Research QA Specialist, speak about regulated clinical research at C&W.
- (2) **NEW! Webinar: “Learning Health Systems”.** (BCAHSN) **October 16, 2019, 10:0-11:30am.** Prof Jean-Francois Ethier will discuss the development of technology in Quebec that puts patients at the centre of integrated research, knowledge transfer, and care delivery.
- (3) **NEW! Research Rounds: “Lost in Translation: The Special Case for Women’s Health Research”.** (BCWH/WHRI) **October 18, 2019, 8-9am at BCWH SHY D308.** Come hear Dr. Liisa Galea speak about current issues in women’s health research, to (a) find out about the different types of sex differences and why SABV/SGBA mandates were enacted, (b) understand why SABV/SGBA mandates will not go far enough to advance women’s health, and (c) understand how female-unique experiences may influence women’s health. Dr. Galea is a Professor in the Dept. of Psychology, an Investigator at the D.M. Centre for Brain Health, Scientific Advisor at WHRI, as well as Director of the Graduate Program in Neuroscience at UBC. Her research investigates how sex hormones influence brain health and disease in both men and women.
- (4) **NEW – Save the date! Medical Disorders and Pregnancy 2020.** (UBC FoM CPD) **April 18, 2020 at the Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel.** This accredited event is an educational conference designed for practitioners who deal with the management of disorders in pregnant patients. It is intended to provide a focused, expert review of common medical conditions in pregnancy as well as practical strategies for their management. Resources and clinical guidelines will be highlighted to support decision-making. Registration to open soon.
- (5) **Did you know?...** The **Women’s Health Seminar Series** feature multidisciplinary research on women’s health. The goal of the series is to provide multidisciplinary training and mentorship for trainees, across a broad range of women’s health research topics. The series is open to all interested faculty, clinicians, staff, and trainees. Seminars are held on **Mondays 12-1pm** at the **D.M. Centre for Brain Health** at UBC. Check out the **Fall 2019 schedule here.**
- (6) **Practicing Knowledge Translation (PKT) course.** **October 7-11, 2019.** Are you interested in learning how to implement practices using comprehensive methods and the best available evidence? The Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael’s Hospital is accepting applications for their upcoming 5-day course on Knowledge Translation (KT). **Apply now** (deadline **August 8, 2019**).

(7) [2019 Clinical Research Ethics Symposium](#). (Research Ethics BC) **October 16, 2019**, from **8:30am to 4pm**. The full-day event is intended to offer an opportunity for REB members and the research ethics community at large (including clinical researchers and patient partners) to discuss current topics of interest including the newly updated TCPS 2 (2018), incidental findings, ethical concerns surrounding the opioid crisis, and harmonized clinical trials. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Free registration via Eventbrite [here](#).

(8) [The 45th Annual D.A. Boyes Society Meeting & Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Review](#). (UBC FoM CPD) **November 7-8, 2019**. The full-day D.A. Boyes Society Meeting dedicated to knowledge translation in Gynaecologic Oncology will be preceded by a one-day Clinical Review course in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Early bird [registration](#) ends Monday September 23, 2019.

The program will provide a timely and clinically relevant update on selected topics in all areas of OBGYN including Maternal Fetal Medicine and Reproductive Endocrinology. **Thursday November 7, 2019 – Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Review. Friday November 8, 2019 – 45th Annual D.A. Boyes Society Meeting.** This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and has been approved by UBC CPD for up to 13.5 MOC Section 1 Group Learning credits. Each physician should claim only those credits accrued through participation in the activity.

(9) [Putting Patients First 2019 conference](#). (BC AHSCN) **November 20, 2019** at the Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown. An annual conference hosted by BC SUPPORT Unit designed to encourage learning and collaboration between patients interested in patient-oriented research (POR), health researchers, health care providers and health system decision makers.

(10) **Save the date!** [Dr. Fred Bryans Faculty Forum \(FBFF\) 2020](#). (UBC OBGYN) The next FBFF will be held on Thursday, **January 30, 2020** from **9:30am to 5:30pm** at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel. **“Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the Digital Age: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning and the Future of Women’s Health Care”**. The objectives of the 2020 FBFF are to: (a) highlight the opportunities and innovation that AI and Machine Learning can bring to our specialty, (b) showcase the spectrum of research of our faculty, (c) share lessons learned from engaging with community members and policy makers, and (d) cultivate new collaborations across specialties. MOC Section 1 Group Learning credits to be advised.

Awards and Funding Opportunities

- (1) **NEW!** PHC/VCH: [Knowledge Translation \(KT\) Challenge 2019](#) (various). **LOI deadline: October 24, 2019. Application deadline April 23, 2020.** These awards are valued at **up to \$5,000 each** and are designed to support teams of PHC and VCH clinicians who may not have much KT

expertise but are responsible for moving evidence into practice. Read the [guidelines for the KT Challenge 2019](#).

- (2) **NEW! UBC FoM: [Fall 2019 Strategic Investment Fund](#)**. **Proposal deadline** for Fall 2019 round: **October 28, 2019**. The UBC Faculty of Medicine's strategic plan, *Building the Future*, identifies 21 strategic objectives organized into four pillars: Education, Research, Organization, and Partnership. To enable investment in advancing these objectives, the Faculty created the Strategic Investment Fund of \$2M per year. [Download the Strategic Investment Fund Proposal form here](#).
- (3) **NEW! UBC: [Killam Postdoctoral Fellow Research Prize](#)**. **FoM Internal deadline: October 29, 2019**. **Deadline for Faculty submissions to the PDFO: December 2, 2019**. Established in 2011, the prizes are awarded annually for excellence in research. Two prizes in the amount of **\$5,000** each will be awarded to full-time Postdoctoral Fellows at UBC in recognition of outstanding research and scholarly contributions while at UBC. All fields of research are included. [Find out more](#), review the [Guidelines](#) and [Evaluation Criteria](#), or download the [Nomination Form](#).
- (4) **NEW! CIHR: [Spring 2020 Project Grant](#)**. **Registration deadline** for Spring 2020 round: **February 5, 2020**. **Application deadline: March 4, 2020**.
- (5) **UBC: [Faculty Research Awards](#)** (various). **Nomination deadlines: September/October 2019**. These awards are **valued at between \$3,000 and \$15,000** and serve to recognize individual investigators who demonstrate excellence in research.
- (6) **CIHR: [CIHR Fellowship 2019-2020](#)**. **Application deadline: October 1, 2019**. Supporting applicants at the post-PhD or post-health professional degree stages. **The awards consist of a stipend and a research allowance**. The maximum amount awarded for a single award is **up to \$60,000 per annum for up to 5 years** – the value and duration of each award will be determined by the degree(s) held, licensure (where applicable), location of tenure, and experience of the applicant.
- (7) **Gairdner Foundation: [2020 John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award](#)**. **Nomination deadline: October 1, 2019**. The prestigious John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award recognizes the world's top scientists who have made outstanding achievements in Global Health Research.
- (8) **CIHR: [CIHR Sex and Gender Science Chair](#)** – **Application deadline: Oct 8, 2019**. ***Funding up to \$175,000 per year for 4 years is available to support applications that seek to grow the science of sex and gender research.***
- (9) **CIHR: [Personalized Health Team Grant](#)**. **LOI deadline: October 8, 2019**. **Full application deadline April 7, 2020**. Approximately six (6) grants will be awarded, and the maximum amount per grant is up to **\$500,000 per year for up to 4 years**. The Personalized Health Team Grant funding is expected to: (a) optimize patient/individual empowerment in personalized health care and prevention approaches, (b) assess the value of personalized health care for effective implementation and delivery, (c) generate exemplars that can be used to facilitate future implementation of personalized health approaches, (d) integrate sex, gender, and intersectional considerations in the delivery of personalized care approaches, as well as ethical, environmental,

economic, legal and social aspects, and (e) implement personalized health solutions that incorporate predictive analytic methods and eHealth delivery platforms in health delivery organizations.

(10) CIHR Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH): [2019 IHDCYR Talks Video Competition](#) – Application deadline: October 15, 2019. This competition is intended to improve knowledge translation (KT) of research within the Institute's [mandate](#) and/or [strategic research priorities](#). There will be funding for **ONE (1) first-place prize of \$3,000, ONE (1) runner-up prize of \$1,000, and TWO (2) specially-commended prizes of \$750 each.** Read the news announcement here. [Read the July 3rd CIHR News Announcement here.](#)

(11) CIHR/SSHRC/NSERC: [Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral \(CGS D\) Program](#) – Application deadline: October 17, 2019. Awards valued at \$35,000 per year for up to 3 years are available. Joint programs with a professional degree (e.g., MD/PhD, DVM/PhD, JD/PhD, MBA/PhD) as well as **clinically oriented programs of study**, including clinical psychology, are eligible if they have a significant autonomous research component.

(12) CIHR: [Patient-Oriented Research \(POR\) Impact Assessment Grant](#). Application deadline: October 22, 2019. Approximately twenty (20) 1-year grants of up to **\$50,000** each will be awarded. The POR Impact Assessment Grant funding is expected to: (a) increase Canadian capacity to measure the impact of POR in order to demonstrate the extent of health, social, and economic benefits realized through POR, and (b) increase the literature currently available on the impact of POR in Canada in order to enable summative evaluation and meta-analyses on the impact of POR as well as demonstrate how POR compares to other health research approaches in terms of the potential to translate evidence into the health care system.

(13) CIHR: [Women's Health Clinical Mentorship Grant](#) – Application deadline: October 22, 2019. Twelve awards each of \$50,000 (1 year) are available. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to advance clinical research in women's health and to build capacity in the next generation of women's health clinician-researchers. The aim is for trainees, students or residents to be paired with and mentored by a women's health clinician-specialist on a one-year research project with the goal of improving clinical care.

(14) CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships](#) – Application deadline: November 6, 2019. Valued at \$50,000 per year for 3 years during doctoral studies. Application open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and foreign citizens. Areas of research eligible for funding support include Health Research, Natural Sciences and/or Engineering Research, and/or Social Sciences and Humanities Research.

(15) CIHR: [Patient-Oriented Research \(POR\) Awards – Transition to Leadership Stream Fellowship, Phase 1](#). Application deadline: November 14, 2019. The *Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR)* is a national coalition of federal, provincial and territorial partners (patients and informal caregivers, provincial health authorities, academic health centres, charities, philanthropic organizations, private sector, etc.) dedicated to the integration of research into care. The aim of the POR Awards – Transition to Leadership Stream is to support the timely career launch of the next generation of patient-oriented researchers. The duration of the award is fixed at 6 years and is comprised of 2 phases: Phase 1 provides funding for a stipend and research allowance, including professional development training; Phase 2 provides a contribution to the salary and research allowance. This funding opportunity is for the Phase 1 portion of the award; it is directed towards

promising trainees who will be ready to transition into an independent POR career within 2-3 years from the start of this award. Approximately twenty (20) fellowships will be awarded.

(16) CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Healthy Cities Research Training Platform \(HC RTP\)](#). LOI deadline: December 10, 2019. Approximately SIX (6) developmental grants each of up to \$25,000, and ONE (1) full application grant of up to \$825,000 per year for up to 6 years, are available. The purpose of this funding opportunity is to facilitate the development of an interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral training initiative that will generate cutting-edge knowledge and build capacity for implementation science and solutions-based research. This funding opportunity will support a team in designing and delivering a national research training initiative focused on how to create, implement, and scale innovative, solution-based interventions in a variety of urban contexts focused on promoting healthy, resilient, sustainable and equitable cities. Accomplishing this goal will require experts from diverse disciplines including public health, epidemiology, economics, sociology, law, ethics, engineering, environmental science and urban planning, which is why partnership across the three research funding agencies is essential. The application process for the HC RTP will consist of a Letter of Intent (LOI) stage, where up to six successful applicants will receive developmental grants, and a Full Application stage where one application will receive the full grant. The HC RTP is a major component of the CIHR [Healthy Cities Research Initiative](#) (HCRI).

CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC will be holding an informational webinar on September 23, 2019 from 10am to 12pm.

(17) Did You Know?... VCHRI: [Research funding opportunities \(various\)](#). VCH Research Institute offers a variety of internal awards and funding competitions for individual investigators and teams. Learn more about upcoming awards, including application deadlines: [Investigator Award, Innovation and Translational Research Award, Knowledge Translation Challenge](#), and [Team Grant](#).

(18) Did You Know?... Are you a health researcher who's looking for funding opportunities in patient-oriented research? The [BC SUPPORT Unit](#) maintains a list of grants that might be of interest to you. Visit our Funding Opportunities page at bcsupportunit.ca/news/funding-o... to learn more!

(19) Did You Know?... [PlanH](#), implemented by [BC Healthy Communities Society](#) (BCHC), facilitates local government learning, partnership development and planning for healthier communities where we live, learn, work and play. Working together with health authorities, UBCM and the Ministry of Health, PlanH supports the Province's health promotion strategy. Plan H understands that finding and securing funding that is relevant to the needs of your community can be challenging. In order to better assist you in developing your healthy community projects and/or programs, PlanH has compiled a list of funding opportunities that might be worth knowing about, along with guides and resources to support your grant writing activities: navigate to <https://planh.ca/training-support/other-funding-opportunities> then click the drop-down from "Health Research" for a [list of health research-related funding opportunities](#).

Research Resources and Other News etc.

(1) (CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC) [Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans - TCPS 2 \(2018\)](#): CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC have recently updated their joint policy to promote the ethical design and conduct of research involving humans. [Read more...](#)

(2) **RECRUITING: P2RISM (Pregnancy and Pediatric Reference Intervals for Safe Medicine)** is an initiative to improve lab test interpretation for mothers and neonates, developing and using a patient-centered study protocol. Working with the lab, blood from healthy moms and their babies will be collected after delivery (at the same time as NBS/bilirubin screening sampling).

How can you help? We are asking that health care providers be aware of P2RISM, display study materials in patient areas, let their patients know about the study and help us spread the word. More information can be found on our website: <https://www.bcchr.ca/prism>.

Questions? Please contact the study team. **Ashton Ellis** (Study Coordinator), Tel: 604-875-2000 x7841 Email: prism@cw.bc.ca.

We greatly appreciate your support and assistance in this initiative.

(3) **Did You Know?... (PHCRI/MSFHR)** The [Providence Health Care Knowledge Translation Community of Practice \(PHC KT CoP\)](#) welcomes researchers, clinicians and other PHC staff members who want to learn with their colleagues about creative and effective ways to improve patient health through use of research evidence. The PHC KT CoP was established in 2015 to bring knowledge translation resources to health research and clinical care professionals across disciplines. The initiative is led by Aggie Black, Director, Health Services & Clinical Research and Knowledge Translation, and Emily Zamora, Clinical Resource Dietitian at PHC, with the support of PHC Research Institute and Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research. **Want to attend KT CoP meetings?** The PHC KT CoP meets quarterly. The agenda will include: (1) KT Concepts -- we'll have a brief discussion of a major KT concept; (2) "Brag & Steal" -- showcasing resources/tools; (3) "Share & Solve" -- sharing projects & getting input.

(4) **Did You Know?... ***Sent on behalf of WHRI and Perinatal Services BC*** (PSBC/WHRI)** Access to the [BC Perinatal Data Registry for WHRI Members](#). The Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI) is pleased to partner with Perinatal Services BC (PSBC), allowing WHRI members to have streamlined access to data from the BC Perinatal Data Registry (BCPDR) through a dedicated in-house Data Analyst at the WHRI. The BCPDR contains maternal, fetal, and neonatal health information for an estimated 99% of all deliveries and births that occur in British Columbia. From the year 2000, the BCPDR has captured approximately 45,000 births per year, including data on maternal postpartum readmissions up to 42 days post-delivery and baby transfers and readmissions up to 28 days after birth. Access to person specific (record level) de-identified data from the BCPDR can be provided for addressing a specific set of research questions. Aggregate data without personal information that are expressed in summary form (i.e. total births, average age of mother at delivery, total cesarean sections, etc.) are also available to assist with research planning.

The WHRI is now able to accept, review, and approve data access requests, as well as providing the data, for WHRI members. We are able to offer co-ordination of the entire data access request process, including guidance, support, and advice to WHRI members who are preparing an application for BCPDR data.

You are able to apply for **research data** from the BCPDR facilitated through the WHRI if:

- You are a WHRI member, or under the supervision of WHRI member
- You require access to an unlinked set of data from the BCPDR. You cannot link WHRI BCPDR data with any other data.
- Your project has been approved by a Research Ethics Board.
- **You have contacted the WHRI Data Analyst prior to submission of the Data Access Request.**

You are able to apply for **aggregate data** from the BCPDR facilitated through the WHRI if:

- You are a WHRI member, or under the supervision of WHRI member.
- You are requesting data for provincial or sub-provincial (e.g. Health Authority) summary data that do not include personal information or potential identifiers.
- You require the data for the purposes of research planning only.
- **You have contacted the WHRI Data Analyst prior to submission of the Data Access Request.**

For more information on the BCPDR facilitated by the WHRI, including a list of available fields, please see our website: <http://whri.org/bc-perinatal-data-registry/>

Questions? Please contact **Emma Branch** (WHRI Data Analyst), Tel: 604-875-2424 x4796 Email: emma.branch@cw.bc.ca

(5) BC Biobank Registration Program. The program focuses on collections of human samples that are collected, stored, and used for health research.

Inclusion Criteria:

New biospecimen research collections that arise in the course of pursuing - basic research projects, translational research studies, clinical studies and trials, i.e. when creating a collection to support future health research.

Exclusion Criteria:

Biospecimen collections that are

- intended for clinical purposes
- part of industry sponsored studies
- stored for less than three months

Click [here](#) to get a full list of tissues and formats included and excluded in the program

Benefits and Value of the Program:

Engagement with the program will give researchers

- access to education about handling research biospecimens
- increased access to known-quality fit-for-purpose biospecimens
- the ability to draw on similar cohorts in order to validate their studies
- increased competitiveness – quality of future data generated on biospecimens of known standard can be recognized by journals and peer reviewers

For more information about why this program is being implemented download the [Health Research Council of BC Joint Statement](#).

- (6) **(BC Patient Safety & Quality Council) [A Guide to Patient Engagement](#)**: By inviting patients, family members and caregivers to work in partnership with your health care team, you are taking an important step to making health care better for all British Columbians. In this resource, we'll cover the essentials of patient engagement, how to prepare for it, where you can find patient partners and how to engage them well. [Download the guide](#).
- (7) **(UBC Faculty of Medicine) [Patient-Oriented Research Repository \(PoRR\)](#)**: PoRR is a repository of patient-oriented research (POR) projects with the aim of connecting interested undergraduate students with ongoing projects at UBC. If you are a PI looking for a suitable undergraduate trainee to work on your POR project, or if you are a trainee interested in gaining experience on a research project where patient engagement has been prioritized, please visit [PoRRMed](#) for more information.
- (8) **(UBC Faculty of Medicine) [Postdoctoral Enhanced Scholar Program](#)** is designed for postdocs to transition into professional positions in teaching, research, business, or clinical settings through self-directed formal training and career development. All UBC FOM postdocs are eligible to join this free program and will receive a certificate upon completion. [Read more...](#)
- (9) **[Honeybee](#)** is a new, free recruitment platform that aims to connect researchers and participants.

Honeybee is not restricted to a specific location or demographic as our mission is to build a global community that's more knowledgeable/educated about study participation all around. We're based out of Toronto but trying to expand to researchers globally to match the amount of interest for research participation from users and social media followers around the world (including US and Australia!)

We are currently focusing on helping academic and hospital researchers because these areas have the most difficulty and lower budget for recruitment. We're easily reaching the young adult (Age 18 – 25 yo) demographic via free social media marketing but we've connected participants to a variety of studies including children (parents enrolling them) to older adults studies, in both healthy and diseased populations. Since we've only launched two months ago, you may have noticed that our studies are based in Toronto. But we're working rigorously to grow and expand by connecting with major academic institutions like UBC!

Honeybee wants to help researchers with the recruitment process and to customize their platform according to user feedback. Honeybee knows recruitment can be the hardest aspect of conducting a research study; through building a community of friendly researchers and participants, we want to change the way people perceive research participation to solve this challenge, long-term. Our [website](#) was launched in May 2019. Consider joining Honeybee in building a research community together! [Read more...](#)

(10) [The Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network \(3CTN\)](#) is a pan-Canadian initiative to improve the efficiency and quality of clinical trials in Canada. 3CTN will provide support and coordination for a network of teams at cancer treatment centres and hospitals. With regional participation, 3CTN will enable sites to increase their capacity and capability to conduct academic trials. [Read more...](#)

(11) (UBC) [SPARC Support and Resources](#): SPARC is a unit in the VP, Research and Innovation portfolio of the university that aims to assist faculty researchers by providing strategic research funding development services and resources designed to develop capacity, build collaborations, increase CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC grant application success rates, and enhance research excellence at UBC. SPARC services and resources are available to researchers at UBC's Vancouver, Okanagan, and academic hospital campuses. [Read more...](#)

(12) [Did You Know?... \(CHEOS\) Clinical Research 101](#). The Centre for Health Evaluation & Outcome Sciences (CHEOS) offers Clinical Research 101, a series of online articles to help researchers and clinicians navigate the clinical research process. Check out the latest installment "[Risk Management 101](#)" by Dana Nohynek, Director of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance, who provides an overview of how and why to manage risk in clinical trials. [Read more...](#)

(13) MSFHR launches [KT Pathways](#): Do you create or use research evidence? KT Pathways, developed in partnership with PHC, is a FREE digital assessment and learning tool designed to help you assess your knowledge translation strengths and identify potential areas for development. The tool also provides tailored training materials and support based on the results. [Read more...](#)