Events, Workshops, and Seminars


(2) NEW! CRC Lunch & Learn: Learning From the Canadian Clinical Research Participant Experience. June 17th, 2019 at 12:00 PM. Room 2108, BC Children’s Hospital Research Institute. Clinical Trials BC (BC AHSN) recently completed analysis of the Canadian Clinical Research Participation Survey, which aimed to engage and learn from 1000 patients and study volunteers, including a pediatric population, about their experience with clinical trials. We will also talk about the results of a recently published survey of Canadians on public opinion of clinical trials. This presentation will be of interest to clinical research investigators, coordinators, nurses and recruitment team members.

(3) NEW! Patient Engagement “Gallery Walk” on the 4th floor of the IRC Building on June 20th, 2019 between 4:30 and 6:30pm. There will be eleven interactive stations displaying a wide range of patient engagement activities offered or facilitated by PCPE for UBC Health. It’s also a chance to meet some of the patient educators, students and faculty involved. We would like to engage you in conversations about what would be most relevant for your programs, what other needs you have, and also learn about what you are doing to engage patients, clients, caregivers, and others with lived experience in your curricula. From the event we want to identify faculty interested in working with us over the next academic year to pilot new patient engagement activities. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP by June 10th to Cathy Kline at cckline@mail.ubc.ca.

(4) ***Sent on behalf of Marc Saunders, Clinical Research and Community Outreach Coordinator, VCHRI.***

Please join us June 17-21 for a series of events aimed at showcasing VCH’s innovative approach to health research. Filled with professional development and education opportunities, as well as an evening social, these events will provide our staff with all the necessary tools needed to continue developing innovative ideas to improve health care treatments and delivery across BC.

For more information on the events, including dates, times and locations, please visit www.vchri.ca/innovation2019. Registration is open for all events, so be sure to sign up early as all event specific information will be forwarded through these registration forms.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions, and we look forward to seeing you all there!
INNOVATION* STARTS HERE @ VCH

Get the latest trends, ideas and solutions to go from innovation to implementation. Inspiring speakers will change the way you think about innovation in health research.

Risk Management
6/17 & 6/19 Identify risks and evaluate corresponding impacts of your research

Patient-Oriented Research
6/21 BC SUPPORT Unit seminar on learning how to involve patients as partners in your research

Digital Health
6/20 The benefits and challenges of digital health technology

Systematic Review
6/17 Cochrane review

Knowledge Translation
6/18 Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research KT Pathway tools demo

CTMS
6/18 Real-time clinical trials management system demo

Research Methodology
6/14 Economics evaluation 6/21 Qualitative methods

Innovative Leaders at VCH
6/20 Join health care leaders and learn more about collaboration, innovation and the future of research at VCH.

Dr. Rachael Ritchie
Director of Innovation, VCH
Deepak Kaura
Chair of the Joule Board of Directors
Dr. David Granville
Associate Director, VCHRI

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“ Innovation is built on discovery and fuelled by diversity.”
— The Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science

Mark your calendar and register for all these exciting events coming up in June!
Northwest Gynecological Cancer Symposium 2019. (U of Washington) Sep 25th, 2019. Submit an abstract (deadline July 15th 2019). Registration includes participation in all events including catered lunch and reception. There is NO FEE for registration. Individuals submitting abstracts will be automatically registered.

Putting Patients First 2019 conference. (BC AHSCN) Nov 20th, 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.

Awards and Funding Opportunities

NEW! WHRI: Graduate Research Award in Women’s Health Grant Competition – Application deadline: July 19, 2019. Award of $12,500 for 1 year starting Sep 1. This award is meant to support research and salary costs for graduate students or postdoctoral fellows who are under the supervision of a WHRI member and who are carrying out research in the area of women’s or newborn’s health.

NEW! 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.

NEW! UBC FoM: New Faculty Research Award – Application deadline: June 17, 2019. Funding up to $10,000 is available for new recruits in the UBC Faculty of Medicine.

NEW! Mitacs: ELEVATE Fellowship – LOI & COI deadline: June 19, 2019. Build your career through this competitive annual fellowship for up to two years. Elevate includes a research management training program and a postdoctoral fellowship. Your partner organization’s financial contribution starts at $30,000.

NEW! CIHR/NSERC: 2019 Collaborative Health Research Projects (CHRP) – LOI deadline: June 25, 2019

The Collaborative Health Research Projects (CHRP) Initiative is expected to:

- Translate research results to knowledge/technology users (KTUs) and other stakeholders;
- Provide an opportunity for the natural sciences and/or engineering and health research communities to collaborate and integrate their expertise;
- Advance interdisciplinary research leading to knowledge and technologies;
- Benefit Canada by improving the Canadian healthcare system and/or services;
- Lead to economic growth opportunities in Canada (where appropriate); and
· Provide training opportunities for trainees in collaborative and interdisciplinary health research, while preparing them for employment opportunities in the private, public or not for profit sectors.

**LOI deadline: 25th June**
**Full Application deadline: 29th October**

Note: For the LOI stage, the PAs need to complete a CIHR sex and gender based analysis training module and upload the certificate, and the PAs and the principal knowledge technology user (KTU) will need a CIHR PIN and biosketch CCV. Please note changes to this year’s funding opportunity, e.g., LOI requirements.

(6) **CIHR: Terry Fox New Investigator Award** – Application deadlines: June 28, 2019 (registration to TFRI) and Sept 13, 2019 (full proposal to TFRI & abbreviated CIHR application). This operating grant / funding opportunity is expected to support outstanding new investigators as they develop their careers as independent research scientists or clinician scientists to undertake high-quality cancer research, while in close collaboration and mentorship with specific research teams currently supported by the TFRI and CIHR. **Funding up to $150,000 per year, for up to 3 years, for a total of $450,000.**

(7) **CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: Banting Canada Postdoctoral Fellowships** – Application deadline: July 5, 2019 (UBC internal); September 18, 2019 (Banting). **Prestigious 2-year fellowships, worth $70,000 per year.**

**Resources**

(1) **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](#)

(2) **Patient Family Advisory Council (OVCARE) – next meeting will be end of June 2019**

OVCARE has created a Patient and Family Advisory Council, where patients and family members are generously donating their time to become patient partners for OVCARE and the Gynecologic Cancer Initiative. Patient-oriented research has been increasingly important in health research. Engaging patients can be a transformative for patient/families but it is equally important for researchers in developing their project focus and design.

Patient partners can be involved in several ways including, but is not limited to:
- Writing support letters for grant funding
- Helping to identify overall research focus
- Consulting on specific research projects to ensure that this is fitting for the demographic
- Assisting in the design of clinical research studies by informing the patient perspective
Identifying and developing quality improvement projects to improve the patient experience
Assisting and consulting on the development of knowledge translation components of the research

If you are interested in bringing your research, project idea, grant proposal, etc to this advisory council please email Stephanie Lam at stlam@bccrc.ca. Please note, the PFAC meets every 2 months, please ensure that there is adequate time to prepare and engage meaningfully with the patients before any deadlines. If there may be something of interest, please try to connect with Stephanie ASAP.

Training Programs

(1) 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.