

Research Resources e-Newsletter (16Dec2019 edition)

Please note this will be the last issue of our e-newsletter before the New Year.

*Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, and Happy New Year of 2020 -
Happy Holidays to all! ☺*

Did You Know?... The Research Resources e-Newsletter is now available on our department website! For this and past editions of e-newsletters, please navigate to <https://obgyn.ubc.ca/research/research-e-newsletter/>. Happy reading!

Do you know of an OBGYN-related Research Resource, Funding Opportunity, or an Upcoming Workshop that is missing below? Please [write](#) to let us know!

Events, Workshops, and Seminars

(1) **KT Connects**. (MSFHR) Looking to learn more about how to get your research out there? **KT Connects** is series of monthly webinars for researchers and research trainees to expand their knowledge and skills in Knowledge Translation (KT). Uniquely, **KT Connects** highlights BC-based talents (such as UBCO's very own [Heather Gainforth](#)). We want to ensure the webinars are useful and relevant to our users. We would love to hear your suggestions around KT content needs and wants, and interesting topics to present on. **We would really appreciate it if you could take this 5 min survey. [Take the survey \(please complete survey by Friday, December 20th\)](#)** If you have any questions about the survey or about **KT Connects**, please feel free to contact Jasmin Ma (Jasmin.ma@ubc.ca) or Ugen Lhazin (ugen.lhazin@msfhr.org).

(2) **[Dr. Fred Bryans Faculty Forum \(FBFF\) 2020](#)**. (UBC OBGYN) Registration is open for the FBFF 2020. 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: Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Women’s Health Care”**.

The 2020 forum will feature:

- [Matthew Trunnell](#), Chief Information Officer of [Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center](#)

- Two workshops -
 - Representing Patients' Voices in Our Research and
 - Engaging with Policy Makers – Influencing Policy through Research
- Research from our departmental faculty.

[View the program at a glance](#). Registration is free; **REGISTER today!**

(On behalf of the Fred Bryans Faculty Forum Planning Committee – Dr. Michael Anglesio, Dr. Lori Brotto, Dr. Geoffrey Cundiff, Dr. Chelsea Elwood, Dr. Mannie Fan, Ms. Ariadna Fernandez (Chair), Ms. Rosemarie Garcia, Dr. KS Joseph, Ms. Nikki Koenig, Dr. Janice Kwon, Dr. Peter Leung, Dr. Sheona Mitchell, and Dr. Nicole Todd)

- (3) Did You Know?...** *** *Sent on behalf of VCHRI Education & Awards* *** The UBC Clinical Research Ethics Board (CREB) office will be offering **monthly workshops** to provide an introduction to the ethics submission process for those who are new to UBC or research ethics. Registration will be limited to 10 people per workshop.

TITLE: ROADMAP TO UBC CLINICAL ETHICS PROCESS

DATE: ~~Wednesday November 27th 2019 – 12:00am to 1:00pm~~

Wednesday February 19th 2020 - 12:00am to 1:00pm

Wednesday May 20th 2020 - 12:00am to 1:00pm

Wednesday September 16th 2020 - 12:00am to 1:00pm

EVENT LOCATION: Rm 210, Research Pavilion, 828 West 10th Ave., Vancouver

INFO: <https://www.vchri.ca/events/roadmap-ubc-clinical-ethics-process>

TITLE: UBC CREB: NAVIGATING THE FIELDS OF YOUR ETHICS APPLICATION

DATE: Wednesday December 4th 2019 - 11:30am to 1:00pm (the first Wednesday of every month, excluding January)

EVENT LOCATION: Rm 210, Research Pavilion, 828 West 10th Ave., Vancouver

INFO: <https://www.vchri.ca/navigatingethics>

For more information and to register, please visit the event calendar:

<https://www.vchri.ca/researchers/education-events/calendar>

- (4) [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 is now open](#).**

- (5) The [Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting \(CNPRM\)](#) is happening **February 12-15, 2020** (in Banff, AB). **Abstract submission deadline: November 4, 2019.****

- (6) The [5th Annual Women's Health Research Symposium](#) is taking place Wednesday **March 4, 2020**. This year's theme will be Digital Health, an umbrella term used to describe the application of information and communication technologies (ICTs) to areas of health, health care and wellbeing. The term encompasses eHealth, mHealth, virtual health as well as**

emerging areas, such as the use of advanced computing sciences in 'big data', genomics, virtual reality and artificial intelligence. The symposium is geared toward researchers, trainees, and other research stakeholders. An email with registration instructions for the symposium will be sent in the coming months.

- (7) The [Global Experts Meeting on Frontiers in Gynecology and Obstetrics](#) is going to be held during **April 27-29, 2020** in San Francisco, USA.
- (8) The UBC [Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Academic Day](#) is an annual event where trainees present completed research projects along with an invited guest speaker who presents their own research. All divisions within our department take turns hosting the event and choosing the guest speaker. It is attended by trainees and faculty within our department. It is held over 1.5 days starting with an afternoon poster session followed by a full day of paper presentations. Eligible trainees include Ob/Gyn residents, sub-speciality fellows within our department and graduate students in the RDS program. The 20th Annual OBGYN Academic Day will take place on **Tuesday May 5 (poster presentations) and Wednesday May 6 (paper presentations), 2020**. Additional information will be posted in November.
- (9) [Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada \(SOGC\) Annual Clinical and Scientific Conference 2020, June 9-12, 2020](#) (Ottawa, ON)
- (10) [Provincial Clinical Trials Conference 2020](#). (Clinical Trials BC) Clinical Trials BC's very first Provincial Clinical Trials Conference 2020 will be held on **June 17-18, 2020**, at the Vancouver Convention Center West. Join the waiting list [here](#).

Awards and Funding Opportunities

- (1) **NEW!** Clinical Trials BC (CTBC) / BC SUPPORT Unit: [2020 Funding for Clinical Research Professional \(CRP\) Certification](#). Achieving certification as a CRP demonstrates that you've met or exceeded the quality standards required in the clinical research industry and have validated your competence. Furthermore, certification demonstrates a level of professionalism and indicates a commitment to quality standards. To date, CTBC (and previously, BCCRIN) have supported 76 professionals to certify in BC. For 2020, CTBC is offering a partial reimbursement in the amount of \$350 (CDN) towards clinical research examination fees for up to 25 successful applicants. Eligible for funding are the Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA) [CCRP](#) certification, and the Association of Clinical Research professionals (ACRP), [CCRC](#) and [CCRC-CP](#) certifications. **Application deadline: January 12, 2020**. CTBC is holding a series of sessions to assist with study preparation starting on January 15, 2020. For details on these sessions, please contact info@clinicaltrialsbc.ca.
- (2) **NEW!** MSFHR: [2020 Innovation to Commercialization \(I2C\) Competition](#). MSFHR is introducing a number of changes across their competitions for 2020, including a new equity

and diversity survey, and a new, user-friendly interface for [MSFHR ApplyNet](#) (their online grants management system). MSFHR is also providing additional funding for the I2C Program to support maintaining a minimum success rate of ~20 percent while encouraging and supporting more female applicants. [Find out more about what's new](#). **LOI deadline: January 27, 2020. Full application deadline: March 31, 2020.**

- (3) **NEW! CIHR Pre-Announcement: Summer Studentship Award – Institute Community Support – Summer 2020.** The purpose of this funding opportunity is to provide undergraduate students and health professional students with the opportunity to undertake health research projects with established investigators in an environment that provides strong mentorship. CIHR-IHDCYR will support applications relevant to the Institute's mandate. The funding opportunity will be launched in February, 2020. Full details for this funding opportunity will be available on [ResearchNet](#) soon.
- (4) **NEW! CCHCSP: [Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program – Training Paths](#).** These awards are directed at candidates with an interest in child and youth health research. Various levels of awards are available (doctoral, post-doctoral, career development, career enhancement). **Application deadlines: April 1, 2020 and November 1, 2020.** [Read more...](#)
- (5) **D.A. Boyes Society: [D.A. Boyes Memorial Award](#).** The D. A. Boyes Society, in honor, and memory, of Dr. David Alexander Boyes' lifetime commitment to teaching and engagement announce the third year of the Memorial Research Award. This is a grant competition designed to provide critical review, with rapid turn-around, and funding for proposals that would not be eligible to receive funding at the national level. Examples would be clinical projects without a basic science component, projects for which there is a hypothesis but no preliminary data, smaller circumscribed projects that are self-limited. This award is open to all learners within the Department. There will one award available for up to \$5000. **Application deadline: January 31, 2020.**
- (6) **MCC: [2020 Medical Council of Canada \(MCC\) Research in Clinical Assessment Grant](#).** The purpose and priorities of the 2020 competition are the encouragement of innovations in the assessment of clinical competence or performance of students, postgraduate trainees or practitioners. Priority will be given to proposals that show promise in contributing to the knowledge and understanding of measurement in clinical assessment and to clinical program evaluation methods for medical education. The proposal must focus on research, not development, in the assessment of performance or clinical assessment. **Application deadline: February 1, 2020.**
- (7) **MSFHR:** The Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) has opened applications for the [2020 Scholar Competition](#). This program allows early career researchers to establish an independent research career, build a leading research program and expand their potential to make significant contributions to their field. The award term is five years. More information can be found on the [MSFHR Scholar program page](#). Please check the page regularly for up-to-date deadlines and webinar dates/times. [UBC SPARC](#) will be offering four open house sessions for Scholar applicants. One-on-one consultations will be available in 15-minute timeslots on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact [Elizabeth Cheu](#) or [Sharon Marsh](#) to secure a time. To take full advantage of your meeting, please

prepare in advance so that you can bring with you a list of questions, draft sections and, if resubmitting, your MSFHR reviewer comments.

Location: SPARC Office (Room 101, [6190 Agronomy Road](#))

- **Tuesday, January 7, 1-4pm**
- **Thursday, January 9, 1-4pm**
- **Tuesday, January 14, 1-4pm**
- **Thursday, January 16, 2-4pm**

(8) BCCHRI: [Summer Studentship Program](#). Each year approximately 17 studentships are given to top ranked undergraduate or medical students to work with BC Children's research investigators onsite over the summer. Funding is provided for a 8, 10 or 12-week period between May and August. The **deadline** for applications is Friday **February 28, 2020**. Find out more [here](#).

(9) CIHR Pre-Announcement: [CIHR Early Career Investigators in Maternal, Reproductive, Child and Youth Health \(2020\)](#)

IHDCYH in collaboration with the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addictions (INMHA) is pleased to pre-announce the 2020 funding opportunity of the [CIHR Early Career Investigators in Maternal, Reproductive, Child and Youth Health](#) program.

Registration: April 2020

Application: May 2020

Funding: November 2020

The program funds research across the four CIHR pillars that has the potential to have a significant impact on maternal, reproductive, child and youth health outcomes according to the relevant research areas identified by the participating CIHR institutes. Ultimately, the program aims to strengthen Canada's capacity and knowledge to respond to challenges and needs by providing important early career development support to researchers in these fields. The funding opportunity will be launched in January, 2020.

(10) CIHR Pre-Announcement: [Spring 2020 Project Grant](#). Registration deadline for Spring 2020 round: **February 5, 2020**. Application deadline: **March 4, 2020**.

(11) CIHR/SPOR: [SPOR National Training Entity](#). *CIHR has updated the Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) National Training Entity funding opportunity to further clarify the eligibility criteria for Indigenous team members.*

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. Patient-oriented research refers to a continuum of research that engages patients as partners, focuses on patient-identified priorities and improves patient outcomes. This research, conducted by multidisciplinary teams in partnership with relevant stakeholders, aims to apply the knowledge generated to improve healthcare systems and practices. The aim of the SPOR National Training Entity (NTE) is to support capacity development in the broader patient-oriented research community by leveraging existing training efforts, supporting the career development of patient-oriented researchers in a systematic manner, and supporting implementation

specialists who will integrate patient-oriented research into the health system. This work involves moving beyond common and/or siloed approaches to training by engaging stakeholders and/or community members from all relevant disciplines, sectors, geographies and cultural perspectives. ~~LOI deadline: December 10, 2019.~~ Full application deadline: June 30, 2020. [Find out more...](#)

Research Resources

- (1) **NEW! Did You Know?...** The [CIHR Application Administration Guide](#) replaces the CIHR Grants and Awards Guide. [Read more...](#) [Webinars](#) have also been scheduled to support the research community.
- (2) **NEW! Did You Know?...** [Research Ethics BC \(REBC\)](#) is pleased to announce a new [Guidance](#) document for Ethical Review of BC Cancer Multi-Jurisdictional Research. This [Guidance](#) has been drafted and agreed on by a working group to address some of the issues arising from multi-jurisdictional research in a harmonized model over the past four years. Membership of the working group includes representatives involved in research ethics from across the province and a patient partner from the REBC Advisory Council. The [Guidance](#) provides clear instruction on how ethical review of studies conducted by BC Cancer-affiliated researchers will be managed by the [BC Cancer Research Ethics Board \(REB\)](#). [Read more...](#)
- (3) **REMINDER: (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. Please note that training on TCPS2 including the (2018) updates is required of all individuals (“study team members”, including faculty, students, residents, and research staff) at UBC before their research ethics approval will be granted. [Read more...](#)
- (4) **Did You Know?...** The province-wide [Clinical Trial Management System \(CTMS\) project](#), spearheaded by Clinical Trials BC, was officially launched in September 2018. CTMS is a powerful business operations tool that enables the management of many aspects of clinical trials at the site level, including: study start-up timelines, tracking and reporting of protocol information and accrual data, study financial management and billing compliance. [Read more...](#)
- (5) **Did You Know?...** [Clinical Trials BC](#), one of the 3 units within the [BC Academic Health Science Network \(BC AHSN\)](#), supports research teams in their work to build capacity, efficiency and regulatory excellence in clinical trials. With a focus on program development, regulatory and quality training, tools and resources for research teams and improving the trial participation experience, the team at Clinical Trials BC is working to promote our province as a “world-class destination for clinical trials”.

- (6) **Did You Know?...** The [Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute \(PCORI\)](#) is committed to advancing patient-centered, stakeholder-engaged research and the meaningful involvement of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders throughout the entire research process. PCORI also supports the uptake of engagement practices and methodologies within the broader healthcare research community. PCORI has developed a set of [resources for researchers to support patient engagement](#) in their research practices.
- (7) **Did You Know?...** The [BC SUPPORT Unit](#) at the [BC AHSN](#) is also working to advance patient-oriented research. Are you a researcher who is new to patient-oriented research (POR)? Find other people to collaborate with, and get access to more tools, resources, and information about POR in BC. Check out these [handy tips](#) on being a patient partner / patient engagement for research teams.
- (8) **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.
- (9) **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

(10) (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](#).

(11) (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.

(12) (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...](#)