Research Resources e-Newsletter (19Feb2020 edition)

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!

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Events, Workshops, and Seminars

- (1) <u>BC Rounds Calendar</u>: Access Grand Rounds Anywhere Through Online Webconferencing. Distributed Academic Rounds is a joint service offered through UBC CPD and MedIT to improve UBC clinical faculty and community physician access to academic rounds in BC. Attend UBC Rounds from any device with internet: http://www.calendarwiz.com/bcrounds
- (2) Reminder: FPON Webinar: Fertility Preservation in Cancer Patients (UBC FoM CPD/CME) by Dr. Beth Taylor, on February 20, 2020 from 8am to 9am. 1.0 Mainpro+credits. Registration closes 24 hours before the session.
- (3) Reminder: Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies 2020. This year's theme is on Innovation and Equity: The Foundation of Quality Perinatal Care. Discover new research and clinical best practices from preconception to postpartum and newborn care. February 20-22, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver.
- (4) NEW! "HIV Made Me Fabulous" Film Screening (BC Women's SPECIAL Research Rounds). February 21, 2020 from 8 to 9am at BCWH SHY D308. Videoconferencing available.
- (5) Getting Started with Data Visualization (VCHRI) by Dr. Mohamed Elgendi, on February 21, 2020 from 12:30 to 4:00pm (lunch provided) at the Paetzold Multipupose Room, VGH.
- (6) NEW! Gyne with the Wind: Stories of mystery, intrigue, and drama in Gynecologic Pathology Research (UBC FoM Dept. Path & Lab Med) by Dr. Lien Hoang, on February 25, 2020 from 9 to 10am at the Taylor Fidler Auditorium, JPPN RM. Videoconferencing available.
- (7) NEW! A play: What Happened to Me: Using Our Stories to Improve Birth in BC. Over the past 5 years, the Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI) partnered with the Birth Place Lab and communities across BC to collect information about their preferences and experiences during pregnancy and childbirth. You are now invited to a play inspired by thousands of stories that families shared about childbearing in BC. Afterwards, please join the organizers for a talk-back session to share your ideas on how to improve health care for parents and babies in BC. Choose from 4 performances at 2 locations (February 29, 2020 at 12pm or 2:30pm at VPL Central Branch; or March 14, 2020 at 5:30pm or 7:30pm at Edmonds Community Centre). Register now / get tickets here!

- (8) The 5th Annual Women's Health Research Symposium is taking place Wednesday March 4,7 2020 at the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre. The Symposium is being hosted by the Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI) and will be an opportunity to showcase some of the amazing women's health research taking place in BC and beyond. The theme of this year's event focuses on digital and virtual health and how this emerging field is catalyzing women's health research. More information on the program and speakers can be found here. Register for the event here.
- (9) NEW! The Digital Health Hype: Empowering Patients in a Digital Age (WHRI) on March 5, 2020 from 7:00-8:30pm at the Italian Cultural Centre (3075 Slocan St.). Join the Women's Health Research Institute for a fun and informative evening learning about digital health! Register for this free public event here.
- (10) Oncology Clinical Trials Conference (SoCRA) is taking place March 5-6, 2020 in Savannah, GA, USA, with optional pre-conference workshops on March 4, 2020. SoCRA's Oncology Clinical Trials Conference offers an opportunity for clinical research professionals to discuss the administration of oncology clinical trials according to regulation guidance, policy and procedure. This conference also has 2 optional pre-conference workshops on the topics of GCP E6 (R2) Basics and Oncology Research Fundamentals. Learn more, view the full agenda, or register now for the conference.
- (11) NEW! Endometriosis Celebration of Hope: Increasing Awareness & Promoting Advocacy. (BCWH) March 12, 2020 from 5:30-7:30pm at BCCHRI. Come join the BCWC for Pelvic Pain & Endometriosis for our yearly Endometriosis Awareness Month celebration of hope. We will be sharing the latest initiatives in endometriosis care in Canada, followed by a mix & mingle with light refreshments. Recommended donation of \$10/per attendee. Register here.
- (12) <u>West/Central CME 2020</u> (SOGC) is taking place March 12-14, 2020 in Banff, Alberta. Register at <u>sogc.org</u>.
- (13) NEW! Breast Screening Forum 2020. (UBC FoM CPD/CME) April 3-5, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver. The Breast Screening Forum 2020 is hosted by the BC Cancer Breast Screening Program in conjunction with the Canadian Society of Breast Imaging and the BC Radiological Society. This educational event will interest radiologists, physicians & surgeons, technologists and medical physicists concerned with breast imaging and interventional procedures of the breast. Register here.
- (14) Medical Disorders and Pregnancy (MDP) 2020. (UBC FoM CPD/CME) April 18, 2020 at the Sheraton Wall Centre Hotel. This accredited event is an educational conference designed for practitioners (family physicians, midwives, obstetricians, gynaecologists, perinatologists, maternity nurses, internists and subspecialists, obstetric anesthesiologists) 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. Webcast option available. Up to 6.5 MOC Section 1 / Mainpro+

- (15) <u>Vulvovaginal Health Update</u>. (UBC FoM CPD/CME) April 23, 2020 at UBC Robson Square. Target audience for this event includes family physicians, nurse practitioners, gynaecologists, dermatologists, midwives, residents, and medical students. The event will feature engaging and interactive updates, clinically relevant plenary sessions, and casebased workshops. Mainpro+ / MOC Section 1 credits. Find out more, or register now.
- (16) The Global Experts Meeting on Frontiers in Gynecology and Obstetrics is going to be held during April 27-29, 2020 in San Francisco, CA, USA.
- (17) The UBC <u>Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Academic Day</u> 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.
- at the Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre, UBC. The conference will feature expert speakers who will address a variety of women's brain health issues and highlight topics such as hormone therapy, mental and cognitive health, menopause, pregnancy, metabolism, and Traumatic Brain Injury. The conference format will include a keynote presentation, symposia, panel discussion, a "hot topic" session, poster presentations, as well as Young Investigator Presentations (sponsored by the Women's Brain Health Initiative). Find out more, or register now. Would you like to give an oral or poster presentation? Sign up / submit your abstract here. Deadline for abstraction submission: February 20, 2020.
- (19) <u>Sexual Health Update 2020</u>. (UBC FoM CPD/CME) May 29-30, 2020 at Radisson Hotel Vancouver Airport. This workshop is intended for family physicians, nurse practitioners, midwives, registered nurses, specialists, residents, and other allied health professionals. Mainpro+ / MOC Section 1 credits. <u>Find out more</u>. Registration to open soon.
- (20) Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) Annual Clinical and Scientific Conference 2020, June 9-12, 2020 (Ottawa, ON)
- (21) <u>Provincial Clinical Trials Conference 2020</u>. (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.
- (22) 27th Obstetrics Update for Family Physicians. (UBC FoM CPD/CME) October 22-23, 2020 at the Marriott Vancouver Pinnacle Downtown. This workshop is intended for family physicians, midwives, nurse practitioners who provide maternity care, residents, and medical students. Mainpro+ credits. Find out more. Registration to open soon.

Awards and Funding Opportunities

- (1) Reminder: CIHR: Spring 2020 Project Grant. Registration deadline for Spring 2020 round: February 5, 2020. FoM Internal deadline: February 26, 2020. Application deadline: March 4, 2020. The CIHR Project Grant program is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential for important advances in fundamental or applied health-related knowledge, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes by supporting projects or programs of research proposed and conducted by individual researchers or groups of researchers in all areas of health. Additionally, funding is available for specific research areas; CIHR Research Priority Areas include Gastroenterology, HIV/AIDS and/or STBBI, Infection and Immunity, and Research and Knowledge Translation on Urban Housing and Health.
- (2) UPDATED! Innovation UBC: 2020 Venture (Start-Up) Competition. Have an idea for a start-up company based on your research in the life sciences? Take part in the inaugural Innovation UBC Venture Competition! This initial competition will focus on venture ideas in the life sciences. All UBC students and researchers with an idea for a life sciences start-up, are encouraged to enter. Ideas may include new drugs, diagnostics, medical devices, or health management platforms. Following an initial assessment of your written submission conducted by Innovation UBC, shortlisted competition entries will be judged by a panel of industry leaders. Select applicants will be invited to present at the final pitch competition on April 8, 2020 at the Jack Poole Hall, Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre, UBC.
- (3) WHRI: Sue Harris Family Practice Research Grant. Applications are open for the Sue Harris Family Practice Research Grant! This grant supports research that contributes to women's (cis and trans-inclusive) health within the discipline of family practice. The funding is intended to support new researchers (family practice residents and/or practitioners) to develop and carry out a pilot research project. Award amount varies from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Application deadline: February 28, 2020.
- (4) UBC FoM: <u>Strategic Investment Fund (SIF)</u>. The call for SIF proposals is now open. The SIF enables the Faculty of Medicine to invest in faculty- and staff-led projects that advance the objectives of the FoM's <u>strategic plan</u>, <u>Building the Future</u>. <u>Deadline</u>: <u>February 28</u>, 2020.
- (5) BCCHRI: <u>Summer Studentship Program</u>. 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. **Application deadline: February 28, 2020.** Find out more here.
- (6) CIHR: Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases (GACD) Primary and Secondary Prevention of Cancer. Established in 2009, the GACD is a globally coordinated effort of 14 health research-funding agencies, which supports implementation research on the prevention and management of chronic non-communicable disease. This funding opportunity will support

implementation research for the **primary and/or secondary prevention of cancer** in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs) and/or among the Indigenous populations in Canada. Proposals must build on evidence-based interventions for the respective population groups. The aim should be to adapt and scale-up interventions in accessible and equitable ways, in order to improve the prevention of cancer. Approximately 2 grants will be funded at up to \$400K per year for up to 5 years (totalling \$2 million per grant). **Program launch: January 2020. Pre-proposal deadline: February 2020 submitted through ResearchNet. Full proposal deadline: April 2020.**

- (7) VGH & UBCH Foundation: <u>The 2020 Carraresi Foundation and Sumiko Kobayashi Marks Memorial OVCARE Research Grants</u>. OVCARE is pleased to launch another round of funding applications. These small grants are to support early and mid-career researchers in the area of gynecologic cancers. For guidelines and eligibility, please see the <u>application and information sheet</u>. Application deadline: March 2, 2020. For more details, please contact Michelle Woo or Blake Gilks.
- (8) Updated! OvCAN/OCC: LeadAction Ovarian Cancer Competition. In an effort to develop and highlight scientific research excellence in ovarian cancer on a path towards commercialization of innovative therapeutic solutions, Ovarian Cancer Canada (OCC) is partnering with IRICOR to hold the LeadAction Ovarian Cancer Competition with a focus on Priority 2 of the OvCAN initiative to support the advancement of hit-to-lead targets and novel therapeutic approaches through preclinical trials, and to identify and prioritize the development of the most promising new treatments for ovarian cancer. Award recipients will be funded at up to \$500,000 for 2 years for translational research activities i.e. from hit to lead and/or lead optimization, or up to \$1 M for 2 years for preclinical research activities. NB. Allocated funds must be spent in Canada. NOI deadline: March 17, 2020. Full application deadline: June 16, 2020.
- (9) Updated! OvCAN/OCC: OvCAN Priority 3 Competition: This competition will support early-phase clinical trials with a translational emphasis, to bring the best new treatments to women living with ovarian cancer. See the <u>Application Form</u>, <u>Competition Guidelines</u>, and an Appendix on <u>Potential Roles of Patient Partners on Research Teams</u>. <u>Application deadline</u>: <u>March 30, 2020</u>.
- (10) 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.
- (11) MSFHR/CIHR: 2020 Health System Impact Fellowship. The MSFHR is partnering with CIHR's Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR) on its Health System Impact Fellowship Program to support the development of BC's health policy research talent and build capacity for the integration of policy research into decision-making. The Program provides PhD trainees and post-doctoral fellows studying health services and policy, or related fields, with a paid experiential learning opportunity within health system

organizations including health authorities, as they apply their research and analytic talents to specific health policy challenges faced by their host organizations. Awards are valued at \$50,000 for 1 year for PhD trainees, or \$155,000 over 2 years for post-doctoral fellows. Successful applicants will benefit from protected time for academic research in addition to PD opportunities and mentorship with health system and academic leaders. **Application deadline: April 1, 2020.**

- (12) 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...
- (13) CIHR: <u>CIHR Early Career Investigators in Maternal, Reproductive, Child and Youth Health (2020)</u>

IHDCYH in collaboration with the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addictions (INMHA) is pleased to pre-announce the 2020 funding opportunity of the <u>CIHR Early Career Investigators in Maternal, Reproductive, Child and Youth Health</u> program. 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. **Registration deadline: April 7, 2020. Application deadline: May 19, 2020.**

- (14) NEW! 2020 PlanH Grant Streams are now accepting applications. PlanH is distributing 20 grants across 2 streams: Social Connectedness (15 grants of \$5,000 each), and Health Community Engagement (5 grants of \$15,000 each). For more information about the grant streams and to access the application guide, visit planh.ca/funding or email grants@planh.ca for more information. Application deadline: April 6, 2020.
- (15) **NEW!** UBC FoM: <u>UBC Faculty of Medicine Awards</u> (various). Nomination deadline: April 9, 2020.
- (16) CIHR: Health Research Training Platform Pilot. CIHR's Strategic Action Plan on Training presents a vision to support the development of scientific, professional, and organizational leaders within and beyond the health research enterprise. It recognizes the need to support the development of Research Leaders of Tomorrow by equipping trainees and early career researchers (ECRs) with the experiences and skills needed to lead high-impact, interdisciplinary health research careers in a rapidly evolving research landscape. With the Health Research Training Platform Pilot, CIHR plans to support the development of integrated training and mentoring environments that will position health research trainees and ECRs for career success. This is a "pilot", as CIHR plans to take lessons learned from the development and implementation of this funding tool into consideration for future capacity development program enhancements. Approximately 11 platforms in specific funding areas will be funded at ~\$400K per platform per year for up to 6 years, although funding may be subject to change. Program launch: Winter 2020. Registration deadline: Spring 2020. Application deadline: June 2020.

- (17) SSHRC: New Frontiers in Research Fund. 2020 Transformation Competition. Supports large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects. The objective of the Transformation stream is to support large-scale, Canadian-led interdisciplinary research projects that address a major challenge with the potential to realize real and lasting change. The challenge may be fundamental, leading to a scientific breakthrough, or applied, with a social, economic, environmental, or health impact. Projects are expected to be world-leading, drawing on global research expertise, when relevant. Value ranges from \$2 million to \$4 million per year (including indirect costs) for up to 6 years. Number of awards depends on the amounts requested in successful applications. NOI deadline: February 18, 2020.
- (18) MSFHR: Health Professional-Investigator Competition. The MSFHR Health Professional-Investigator (HP-I) Program is designed to help close the gap between health research and its implementation by supporting health professionals who are actively involved in patient care to conduct and apply research relevant to health and/or the health system. To be eligible, applicants must commit to spending a minimum of 50% of their time conducting research for the duration of the award (up to 5 years). New for the 2020 competition, two separate applicant streams have been introduced: a physician stream and a non-physician stream. Applicants must select the most applicable stream for their application. LOI deadline: February 10, 2020. Application deadline: April 17, 2020.
- (19) VCH: The VCH Research Challenge supports point-of-care staff to improve practices and learn about the research process. Discover how you can get involved! A Q&A session will be held on January 16, 2020, more info here. Registration deadline: February 5, 2020. Full day workshop on February 28, 2020 is mandatory for all registered teams. Application deadline: May 6, 2020. Half day (morning) workshop in September 2020 is mandatory for all teams who are awarded funding.
- (20) NEW! NSERC: Science Communication Skills Grant. This is a pilot funding program from NSERC to fund science communication skills training. Funding of up to \$20,000 for a 1-year period is available, and can be used to cover operational costs, travel, meals/accommodation etc. as long as these are for training in science communication skills. Grants may not be used to support research. Application deadline: May 15, 2020.
- (21) CIHR: 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.
- (22) PHC: The PHC Practice-Based Research Challenge supports point-of-care staff to improve practices and to learn how to design and implement a research project. Participants will learn basic research skills and compete with other teams for funding to conduct a small-scale research project. LOI deadline: February 12, 2020. Full proposal deadline: June 15, 2020.

(23) CIHR/SPOR: <u>SPOR National Training Entity</u>. 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! UBC SPARC Office is hosting the 2020 New Frontiers in Research Fund

 Transformation Competition Information Session. SPARC will host an info session providing details on the LOI and Full Application stages of the competition, on February 20, 2020 from 10:00 to 11:30am. Location TBC. Register here.
- (2) NEW! Who is <u>Research Ethics BC (REBC)</u>? How does REBC facilitate health systems change in the province? What is their role inside the <u>BC Academic Health Science Network (BC AHSN)</u>? Watch the <u>short video</u> that answers these questions and more <u>watch now on the BC AHSN's YouTube Channel.</u>
- (3) NEW! Calling all researchers: Sign up now for the Data Access Support Hub (DASH) for your multi-jurisdictional data needs. The Health Data Research Network (HDRN) has launched the Data Access Support Hub (DASH), a one-stop shop for requesting access to data from multiple provincial, territorial and pan-Canadian sources, with the aim of simplifying the way researchers request data access. This initiative is made possible through the Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR). Researchers can now sign up for a free DASH account and view available datasets. Sign up now.
- (4) Did You Know?... UBC's Faculty of Medicine Continuing Professional Development (UBC CPD) program hosts an elearning site which provides free open courses that are accredited for family physicians and specialists in Canada. Find out more...

- (5) Did You Know?... UBC offers training on <u>Biospecimen Research Methods</u> for researchers who are interested in learning how to better collect, process, store, and manage human biospecimens. <u>Find out more...</u>
- (6) 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...
- (7) ***Sent on behalf of Dawn McArthur, Director, Research and Technology Development Office (RTDO)*** (BCCHRI/WHRI) Dear BCCHR and WHRI researchers, you may have received emails from UBC re the SPARC resources and activities related to the CIHR Spring 2020 Project Grants competition. I'm writing to remind you that our office (RTDO) is also available to work with you iteratively on your project grants. Please note that the RTDO and SPARC have a reciprocal policy that a researcher may choose to work with either office, but not both, so that both offices may provide service to as many applicants as possible without duplication. If you are planning a CIHR project grant and would like our assistance, please contact us (Dawn McArthur at dmcarthur@bcchr.ca, Tamara English at tenglish@bcchr.ca, or Eric Lussier at eric.lussier@bcchr.ca).
- (8) The <u>CIHR Application Administration Guide</u> replaces the CIHR Grants and Awards Guide.

 Read more... <u>Webinars</u> have also been scheduled to support the research community.
- (9) 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...