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## *Research Resumption & COVID-19-Related*

**NEW!**

### **COVID-19 AND RESEARCH ETHICS**

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### **CLINICAL RESEARCH CURTAILMENT AND RESUMPTION**

- Please note the remote work policy remains in effect
- Site specific resumption processes have been finalized – see below

Review site-specific information here:



The process for applying for clinical research resumption has been finalized. Please review

information specific to your research site. Please note that any clinical (human) research project involving on-site work that needs to resume or continue will require approval from the appropriate research institute. **Research that meets resumption criteria must be submitted to the appropriate research institute for review and approval PRIOR to resumption of any on-site research activities**, such as access of on-site resources/paperwork /databases and study visits for research participants.

[Stage 2 Research Resumption guidelines](#) announced by UBC FoM.

Review the [COVID-19 UBC FoM Guiding Principles](#) for research resumption.

Stage 2 allows more people to access research facilities, however it's important to remember that those who can work remotely must continue to do so. For those who are planning to come on campus, the same rules as Stage 1 will apply: please do not come in if you're feeling sick; physical distancing is required while on campus; and PPE must be worn as appropriate.

**NEW:** As of November 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 the BC [Provincial Health Office](#) (PHO) introduced a new [provincial masking policy for health care facilities](#). Briefly, **this policy will be a change for clinical researchers as it requires all persons to wear a mask while working in a clinical/patient care area** including common areas and break rooms, unless eating or drinking.

#### **VCHRI**

- Review the [VCHRI guidance](#)
- VCHRI Stage 2 research resumption guidelines will largely align with those of UBC FoM; however due to the unique research and operational requirements for VCH's vast clinical and non-clinical facilities, VCHRI's process is specific to our sites.
- Per [Stage 2 recommendations](#), all categories of human/clinical research may now be included for submission for review by VCHRI for research resumption approvals.
- Resumption requests for human research projects at VCH sites (including DHCC) are to be submitted using the [DHCC OBGYN Template – \(Stage 2\) VCHRI Human Subject Research Access Summary v17Aug2020](#) form. All submissions for OBGYN human/clinical research should be emailed to Mannie Fan ([obgynresearch@vch.ca](mailto:obgynresearch@vch.ca)).
- Approved [Stage 1 Safety Plan for OBGYN \(DHCC location\)](#) will remain in effect in Stage 2; however Stage 2 will have allowance for some additional research personnel as long as the proposed work adheres to the Stage 1 safety plan as well as all safety measures and physical distancing requirements.
- DHCC site research personnel (including PI, staff, and trainees) of projects approved by VCHRI for research resumption should review the [OBGYN DHCC Research Resumption Safety Plan](#), obtain PPE and complete training as applicable prior to resumption of on-site research activities.

#### **PHCRI**

- Review the [PHCRI guidance](#)
- For PHCRI researchers with human subject research projects and activities at the Howe St. Campus, please complete the [PHCRI Human Subject Research Access Summary spreadsheet](#).

## **WHRI/BCCHR**

- For WHRI/BCCHR researchers with human subject research projects and activities at the Oak St. Campus, please refer to research resumption information available at <https://hub.bcchr.ca/auth/login.php?origin=/> (requires log in with BCCHR/PHSA/UBC credentials).
- If you applied to resume on-site work during Stage 1, you do not need to apply again in Stage 2. Please email [Todd Jacques](mailto:Todd.Jacques@bcchr.ca) with any updates to your on-site personnel and research team safety plans.
- For **new research activities** or **new resumption requests**, please submit a request through the [Oak Street Campus Research Institutes Return to Onsite Research Intake Form](#).
- If you have any questions, please email [Dr. Kathryn Dewar](mailto:Dr.Kathryn.Dewar@bcchr.ca), WHRI Senior Research Manager.

For research planning, PI's need to ensure appropriate safety protocols are in place for their staff and students to conduct research at their facility. Please review info at <https://srs.ubc.ca/covid-19/safety-planning/ubcs-safety-planning-process/>

Contact your site research manager ([Mannie Fan](mailto:Mannie.Fan@bcchr.ca) for VGH/DHCC, [Nikki Koenig](mailto:Nikki.Koenig@bcchr.ca) for SPH, or [Ariadna Fernandez](mailto:Ariadna.Fernandez@bcchr.ca) for BCWH) if you have any questions or concerns.

For lab-based research, PI's do not need to send new Access Request forms but must update their Excel sheet with any new trainees or staff that will be on campus. PI's must also update this number on their VPRI access agreement. For clinical research, please see resumption info below.

**[Mandatory Training for PIs, Staff, & Trainees Back On Site](#)**. All research personnel are required to complete mandatory training prior to resuming on-site research activities, or as soon as possible if they have been working on-site since the remote working arrangements were put in place. If you have not already done so, please complete this training as soon as possible. This includes mandatory UBC training, such as [Preventing COVID-19 Infection in the Workplace](#); project- & task-specific training and building-specific training. These requirements are also specified in the approved safety plans.

## **INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL GUIDANCE (UBC & VCH)**

- [COVID-19 physical distancing guidance](#)
- [General cleaning & disinfection of surfaces](#)
- [Ordering critical PPE](#)
- [COVID-19 PPE guidelines](#)
- [COVID-19 essential in-person meetings & trainings guidance](#)
- [COVID-19-screening script \(ambulatory appointment reminders\)](#)
- [COVID-19-screening script \(ambulatory in-person at clinic reception\)](#)

For more info on COVID-19-related public health/infection control key principles, please visit <https://med-fom-obgyn.sites.olt.ubc.ca/covid-19-public-health-infection-control-key-principles/>.

## OTHER COVID-19-RELATED

- Network of Networks (N2) is working with Health Canada to assess what some of the challenges are in clinical trials both during these COVID-19 times and in general. [Complete the survey here](#).
- The federal [Canada Research Continuity Emergency Fund \(CRCEF\)](#)
- [UBC's most up-to-date COVID-19 information](#).
- [UBC COVID-19 research information](#).
- [COVID-19 page for graduate students](#).
- [COVID-19 page for postdoctoral fellows](#).
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has established a [research network on COVID-19 for maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health](#). Find more information on the working groups and how to get involved on the [WHO MNCAH website](#).
- Thank you to all Canadian Child & Family Researchers who have entered study data into the [COVID-19 Maternal, Child and Family Study Catalogue](#)! The database is still open – submit your current and future COVID-19-related projects and help continue to build this resource.
- [UBC's plans for re-occupying and resuming activity on campus](#).
- [Mandatory Training for UBC Faculty and Staff Back on Campus](#).
- [Process for phased resumption of in-person behavioural research at UBC](#).
- [UBC CREB Guidance for Resumption of Research version Jun 2020](#)
- The Faculty of Medicine (FoM) has [announced](#) a province-wide [COVID-19 Clinical Research Coordination Initiative](#) to help coordinate research activities, identify research gaps, share resources and liaise with the BC health system.
- [UBC COVID-19 Working Group Summaries](#) – a summary of the working group findings & recommendations
- [COVID-19 Research Guide](#) (BC Ministry of Health: Health and Human Services Library)
- [Faculty of Medicine - Resources for Research](#)
- [OBGYN Useful Links on Research and COVID-19](#)
- WHRI [COVID-19 Researcher Resources](#)

- [BC AHSN's COVID-19 Response](#)
- [Updates for Clinical Trials BC regarding COVID-19](#)
- [Research Ideas in a Context of COVID-19](#)
- [Resources from CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network \(CTN\) in the fight against COVID-19 \(including \[online research toolbox\]\(#\)\)](#)
- [BC COVID-19 Research Inventory](#)
- [Guidance Notes and Regulatory Requirements for Informed Consent in Research During a Pandemic](#) from REBC, CTBC, and Fraser Health

## *Events, Workshops, and Seminars*

**(1) NEW! WHO:** Did you miss the World Health Organization (WHO) [Launch of the Global Strategy to Accelerate the Elimination of Cervical Cancer](#) that was livestreamed on **November 17, 2020**? You can now join in the global movement and [watch the recorded session of the Main event \(Part I\) here](#). Following a Call-to-Action in May 2018 from the WHO Director-General, Dr. Tedros, 194 countries collectively resolved to end needless suffering from cervical cancer, which is both preventable and curable. In August 2020, the World Health Assembly passed a resolution calling for elimination of cervical cancer and adopting a strategy to make it happen. On November 17, 2020, following the close of the 73<sup>rd</sup> World Health Assembly, WHO marked this historic announcement and officially launched the elimination strategy. The event was co-sponsored by the governments of Australia, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Nigeria, and Rwanda.

**(2) UPDATED! GCI:** The [Gynecologic Cancer Initiative \(GCI\) Research Rounds](#) will feature researchers working on accelerating transformative research on prevention, treatment, and survivorship of gynecologic cancers. The [GCI Research Rounds](#) series will be held every other Friday from **12-1pm** on Zoom. [Find out more...](#)

### **Upcoming Sessions:**

\* November 27, 2020 - **“Metabolism, Cancer and the Immune System – What Do They Have In Common?”** by Dr. Julian Lum

\* December 11, 2020 – **“Strategies for Making an Impact with Policy Makers: Method from Women’s Health Research”** by Dr. Sarah Munro & Kate Wahl

**(3) UPDATED! Thursday BCWH Interprofessional Grand Rounds:**

- Broadcast via Zoom as virtual meeting;
- The sessions will be recorded for viewing after the session;
- We do NOT have any rooms booked so there will be no in-person sessions.

The email reminder containing the Zoom meeting link, the evaluation form link, and the poster will be sent every week as per usual. To receive credit for attending virtually, please either complete the evaluation form (via the link), or, send an email to [Kerrie Glover](mailto:kglover-02@cw.bc.ca) at [kglover-02@cw.bc.ca](mailto:kglover-02@cw.bc.ca) indicating the session you attended. Please check the ObGyn website <https://obgyn.ubc.ca/faculty-resources/rounds/> for the upcoming sessions.

**NEXT Session:** “An Update on COVID in Pregnancy” by Dr. Deborah Money, Dr. Chelsea Elwood, and Dr. Julie van Schalkwyk happening **November 19, 2020** from **8-9am**. Email [Kerrie Glover](mailto:kglover-02@cw.bc.ca) for the Zoom meeting link/details.

**(4) (WHRI/BCWH)** The next **BC Women’s Research Rounds** features **Dr. Jila Mirlashari, Dr. Ann Pederson, Dr. Lori Brotto, and Dr. Janet Lyons** speaking on “**The Experience of Women and Health Care Providers in Assessing History of Gender-Based Violence During Perinatal Care**”. The virtual rounds will be delivered by Zoom on **November 20, 2020** from **8-9am**. For more information and/or Zoom link/meeting details, please email [Marsha Simons](mailto:marsha.simons@cw.bc.ca) at [marsha.simons@cw.bc.ca](mailto:marsha.simons@cw.bc.ca).

**(5) (UBC CPD)** [Implants and IUDs: Comparing and Inserting Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives \(LARC\)](#). This is a virtual session (webinar) followed by 2 optional hands-on workshops on IUDs and implants. Happening on **November 28, 2020**, from **9am-2pm**. Up to 15.0 Mainpro+ credits. Pre-registration required.

**(6) NEW! (UBC/WHRC)** The [Women’s Health Seminar Series](#) features multidisciplinary research on women’s health and is open to all interested faculty, clinicians, staff, and trainees. The next seminar in the series will take place virtually on **November 30, 2020** from **12-1pm**, where Dr. Anita Datta will present on “[Issues for Adolescent Girls and Young Women with Epilepsy](#)”.

**(7) NEW! (UBC/BCCH)** On **December 1, 2020** from **9-10am**, join UBC’s School of Population and Public Health (SPPH) and the Centre for International and Child Health (CICH) at BC Children’s Hospital for their [World AIDS Day Coffee and Learn](#), highlighting HIV care and research initiatives with presentations by global health leaders **Dr. Angela Kaida, Dr. Musead Abrahams, and Dr. Herbert Muyina**. [Register now](#).

**(8) NEW! (U of Manitoba Centre for Healthcare Innovation)** [Machine Learning and Visualization for Healthcare Data: Foundations](#). This 2-part online workshop for clinician scientists, researchers, and trainees will introduce participants to healthcare data analysis with hands-on exercises. Cost to register: \$50.00 CAD. [Check out the event poster](#).

**Objectives:**

- \* Use widely available Python libraries to load, clean, explore, and analyze health datasets
- \* Visualize health datasets using different types of charts
- \* Describe the strengths and weaknesses of several machine learning methods (e.g., Decision Tree Classifier, K Neighbors Classifier, Gaussian NB, and Random Forest Classifier) and have a workflow for applying these

Sessions will be held **December 3 & 10, 2020** from **12-3pm**.

For more information, please contact [Dr. Mohamed Elgendi](#)

**(9) NEW! (NIH ORWH)** The [NIH Office of Research on Women's Health \(ORWH\)](#) will be hosting their [30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Virtual Meeting Series](#) over 3 days on **December 14, 15, & 16, 2020**. These meetings will explore critical women's health research and sex and gender studies within and beyond the NIH scientific community. [Find out more...](#)  
[December 14, 2020](#) – BIRCWH Annual Meeting; Ruth L. Kirschstein Memorial Lectureship.  
[December 15, 2020](#) – ORWH 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scientific Symposium  
[December 16, 2020](#) – SCORE Annual Meeting Keynote Address

**(10) Save The Date! (CTBC/BC AHSN)** The [Modernization of Clinical Trials](#) conference will be held virtually on **January 26, 27, & 28, 2021**. The main forums will include: Innovative Trials; Diverse Clinical Trial Populations; Pragmatic Clinical Trials; Participant Experience and Voice; Regulatory and Leadership; Town Hall on Change and Modernization; Clinical Trial Market Place; and Keynote Address. [Find out more...](#)

**(11) NEW! (UBC/BCCH)** [Global Health Conference 2021](#). "*Global Child Health: Beyond the Pandemic*", happening on **January 28, 2021** from **8:30am-1:00pm**. UBC's School of Population and Public Health (SPPH) and the Centre for International and Child Health (CICH) at BC Children's Hospital are joining forces to bring you the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Global Health Conference. This will be a virtual Zoom conference. [Registration](#) is FREE. Now accepting [poster presentation submissions](#) (open until **December 18, 2020**) – this year there will be an online poster competition.

**(12) Save The Date! (UBC CPD)** [Victoria Gynecology Update 2021](#). The Victoria Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists will be hosting its annual Gynecology Update as a virtual one-day conference for primary care providers, with updates on a wide range of topics, including chronic pelvic pain, cervical lesions, ectopic pregnancy, pelvic floor dysfunction, vulvar lichens, and more. Happening on **January 30, 2021**, from **9:00am-3:45pm**. Up to 5.5 Mainpro+ credits. Pre-registration required. [Find out more](#), or [view the agenda](#).

**(13) Save the Date!** Our next annual faculty research forum, the [2021 Dr. Fred Bryans Faculty Forum](#), will be taking place virtually over 2 half-days on **February 4-5, 2021, from 9am-12pm**. Objectives of the 2021 FBFF are to: (a) highlight the opportunities and innovation that Patient-Oriented Research and Patient Engagement 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. Mark your calendars now! [Find out more](#). Full program and registration details coming soon.

**(14) Save The Date! (CNPRM)** The [2021 Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting](#) will be taking place virtually **February 8-12, 2021**. Visit [www.cnprm.ca/abstract-submission](http://www.cnprm.ca/abstract-submission) for more info.

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## *Awards and Funding Opportunities*

(1) Funding agency updates are available from the UBC Research Finance [COVID-19 Funding Agency Updates](#) page.

(2) WHRI: [COVID-19 Research Funding Update](#) research funding updates are also available from the WHRI website.

(3) WHRI: Check out funding opportunities in the [WHRI Grant Chart](#), updated weekly.

(4) VCHRI: Check out a variety of [funding opportunities here](#).

(5) BCCHR: [2020/2021 Clinical & Translational Research Seed Grant](#) competition. This funding opportunity has been developed to promote research collaborations between postdoctoral fellows and clinical trainee/clinical investigators in clinical and translational research projects. The intent is to (a) support well-defined research projects that may not otherwise receive funding, (b) foster new areas of research, (c) enhance research partnerships, and (d) build leadership capacity for both research clinical trainees. Support is available for 2-3 grants with award values of up to **\$10,000** each. **Application deadline: November 20, 2020.** For more info please contact [resinfo@bcchr.ca](mailto:resinfo@bcchr.ca).

(6) CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC: [Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Program \(CGS-D\)](#). Each award valued at \$35,000 per year for up to 3 years. **Application deadline: ~~October 17, 2020~~ for direct applicants or November 21, 2020** for university applicants. [Find out more...](#)

(7) WHRC: [CIHR Sex and Gender Science Chair in Genetics Conference Award](#). This award offers \$250 prizes for 10 trainees (student or post-doc) at UBC or a UBC-affiliated centre who will be presenting (poster or talk) at an upcoming conference related to sex differences and/or women's health. This money can be used to register for the conference. Competitions are held bi-annually. **Application deadline: November 22, 2020.** [Find out more](#), or [submit an application now](#).

(8) Rivkin Center: *Saving women's lives through cancer research & education* is the mission of the [Rivkin Center](#). The organization offers [multiple streams of funding to support ovarian cancer research](#). [Find out more](#) or [apply now](#). Upcoming ovarian cancer grants **Application deadline: December 1, 2020.**

(9) CIHR: [CIHR Fellowship 2020-2021](#). Fellowships provide support for highly qualified applicants in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research in Canada or abroad. **Application deadline: December 1, 2020.** [Find out more...](#)



(10) **GCI:** With generous support from philanthropic donors, the [Gynecologic Cancer Initiative \(GCI\)](#) is pleased to offer [multiple grant funding opportunities](#) for the gynecologic cancer research community in BC. Current funding opportunities include:

- [GCI Clinical Trials Group Accelerating Grants Program](#);
- [Carraresi Foundation OVCARE Research Grants](#);
- [Sumiko Kobayashi Marks Memorial OVCARE Research Grants](#);
- [Miller Mindell Gynecologic Oncology Academic Excellence Fellowship Awards](#); and
- [Division of Gynecologic Oncology Research Awards](#) (upcoming **Application deadline: December 4, 2020** – see below).

(11) **UBC/FoM/ObGyn:** [2020-2021 Division of Gynaecologic Oncology Research Awards](#). Our department is pleased to launch a round of funding to support research in GyneOnc. Two (2) awards of up to \$20,000 each are available to fund research proposals that would not be eligible to receive funding at the national level. Engagement of /collaboration with junior faculty is strongly encouraged. **Application deadline: December 4, 2020**. For more information, please see the [GyneOnc award TOR document](#) or contact [Dr. Janice Kwon](#), OBGYN Associate Head of Research, at [Janice.Kwon@vch.ca](mailto:Janice.Kwon@vch.ca).

(12) **UPDATED! MSFHR:** Guidelines are now available for the [2021 Scholar and Research Trainee competitions](#). **LOI deadline: December 7, 2020**. [MSFHR Scholar awards](#) help BC researchers build leading-edge health research programs, train the next generation of scientists, and make significant contributions to their field. Scholar awards provide salary support to early-career researchers, allowing them to dedicate 75% of their time to health research activities. [MSFHR Research Trainee awards](#) support health researchers-in-training to build health research capacity and contribute to the success of BC's health research landscape. Post-doctoral fellows or health professional researchers are provided with salary support through this award for dedicated research activities.

(13) **CIHR:** IHDCYH in collaboration with INMHA is pleased to re-launch the 2020 funding opportunity of the [CIHR Early Career Investigators in Maternal, Reproductive, Child and Youth Health](#) program. **Registration deadline: December 15, 2020. Application deadline: January 26, 2021.** *In recognition of the challenges of the 2020 funding cycle, CIHR has [extended early career researcher status for one year](#) past the current definition of a researcher in the first five years of a full-time, independent research appointment.*

(14) **UBC FoM OB/GYN:** [D.A. Boyes Memorial Award](#). The D.A. Boyes Society, in honour, and memory, of Dr. David Alexander Boyes' lifetime commitment to teaching and engagement, announces the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Memorial Research Award. The award is open to all learners within the Department. **TWO (2) awards of up to \$5000 each** will be available. **Application deadline: January 29, 2021.** [Find out more...](#)

(15) OCC: [Ovarian Cancer Canada \(OvCAN\) Priority 3](#) focuses on **Advancing Clinical Trials Using a Personalized Medicine Approach**. Funding is available to support up to 4-5 early-phase clinical trials to bring the best new treatments to women living with ovarian cancer. **LOI deadline: February 15, 2021. Application deadline: May 8, 2021.** Stay tuned for more details to follow.

(16) NIH: [Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award \(R21\)](#). The R21 grant mechanism is intended to encourage exploratory/developmental research by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of project development. **Up to \$200K/yr for up to 2 years** will be awarded to the successful applicant. **Application deadline: February 16, 2021.**

(17) CIHR: [Spring 2021 Project Grant competition](#). **Registration deadline: March 4, 2021. Application deadline: April 1, 2021. [Find out more...](#)**

(18) 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. LOI deadline: July 15, 2020.**~~ **Full application deadline: April 13, 2021.**

(19) The [PHC and VCH Knowledge Translation \(KT\) Challenge](#). Have you identified a need for practice improvement? Your KT project can help you integrate evidence into best practices! [Find out more...](#) ~~**LOI deadline: October 22, 2020.**~~ **Application deadline: April 22, 2021.**

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## *Research Resources*

(1) **NEW!** The [GOSH Podcast](#) has launched! Are you interested in hearing the stories of gynecologic cancer patients and survivors? Would you like to hear from researchers and clinicians who are working behind the scenes to improve the lives of patients with gynecologic cancers? The [Gynecologic Cancer Initiative \(GCI\)](#) brings you the [Gynecologic Oncology Sharing Hub \(GOSH\) Podcast](#), an open space for real and evidence-based discussions on gynecologic cancers. The Podcast is co-hosted by **Nicole Keay**, patient partner and cervical cancer survivor, and **Stephanie Lam**, GCI Research Coordinator. [Listen to the Podcast now.](#)

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(3) **UPDATED!** [REACH BC](#) is an online platform that will connect the public and patients with research opportunities related to their health conditions and/or interests, to ultimately advance health care and improve health outcomes in British Columbia.

**\* Researchers: Submit your research opportunity.** Reach the volunteers you need with the over 1400 people registered as REACH BC Volunteers, searching for health research opportunities in BC. REACH BC is free and easy to use:

1. Sign up for a Researcher account at REACH BC
2. Submit your active research project(s) to the public directory
3. Find volunteers that are matched using the eligibility criteria
4. Follow up with interested volunteers

We invite the academic research community to post their health research opportunities related to COVID-19 or other clinical or behavioural research opportunities (including those that can be done remotely via telephone or online) that are actively recruiting. Create your Researcher account [here](#).

**\* Volunteers: Connect to health research opportunities as either a patient partner or as a research participant.**

Visit <https://www.reachbc.ca/> today to find out more.

(4) [Clinical Trials BC](#) (part of the [BC AHSN](#)) has updated their [Education Programming for 2020-2021](#) (formerly known as the Syllabus)? A range of training, guidance and resources are available to assist clinical trial team members with their development of skills and knowledge to conduct clinical trials in BC. [Find out more...](#)

(5) The [Gynecologic Cancer Initiative \(GCI\)](#) provides selected [research and support services](#) that are available to any researcher in BC who is conducting work on gynecologic cancers. Currently available resources and competencies include:

- **Molecular & Advanced Pathology Core** (webpage under construction);
- [Clinical Informatics & Outcomes Research Core](#);
- [Gynecologic Cancer Tissue Bank](#);
- [Clinical Trials Group](#);
- [Patient & Family Advisory Council](#); and
- **Knowledge Translation** (webpage under construction).

If you are interested in using any of the above resources, please email the GCI at [info@gynecancerinitiative.ca](mailto:info@gynecancerinitiative.ca) for more information.

**(6) Are you resuming research activities but want to adapt to remote administration of assessments?** Will you need to do e-consenting and/or work with participants via videoconferencing? If so, check out these helpful links:

- [UBC IT Zoom and Privacy guidance](#)
- [UBC Office of Research Ethics Zoom guidance](#)
- [UBC Office of Research Ethics e-Consent guidance](#)

**(7) Research Facilitation Support (WHRI).** Is your research stalled due to COVID19? Are you looking for research funding opportunities? Do you need assistance with developing a research idea or reviewing your proposal? Email [Eric Lussier](mailto:eric.ducharmelussier@cw.bc.ca) at [eric.ducharmelussier@cw.bc.ca](mailto:eric.ducharmelussier@cw.bc.ca) to set up a virtual meeting.

**(8) The WHRI (@WomensResearch) podcast** has a new episode out! Nicole Prestley, Brynn Lavery, and Melissa Nelson share their insights into the uses of social media for disseminating research results and supporting knowledge translation work. [Find out more](#), or [listen to the podcast here](#).

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**(11) HealthChat** is an online platform for groups of health care professionals (HCPs) to connect and collaborate. Whether you are a member of a network, community of practice, or administering a program, you can create a profile and create or join a secure group space to share and develop your work. Open to clinicians, administrators, and health leaders. [Find out more...](#)

**(12)** Announcing the **CHIWOS Women Centred-HIV Care Toolkits**. Around 14,500 women live with HIV in Canada, and delivering integrated care that responds to their needs & priorities is essential. Based on findings from the Canadian HIV Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Cohort Study (CHIWOS) and an extensive community-collaborative research program, 2 new toolkits have been developed on [Women-Centred HIV Care](#).

- \* **Toolkit for women living with HIV** as a self-management and health self-advocacy tool.
- \* **Toolkit to support HIV clinicians and community-based organizations** to deliver Women-Centred HIV Care

Both of these toolkits are now available online! [Read more...](#)

**(13)** [Resources from CIHR Canadian HIV Trials Network \(CTN\)](#) in the fight against COVID-19 (including [online research toolbox](#)). [Read more...](#)

**(14)** Check out the [BC COVID-19 Research Inventory](#). In response to the rapidly-evolving pandemic, BC AHSN and its three operational units have created a single inventory of current COVID-19-related research projects based in BC. This inventory is intended to foster as much connection, coordination, and collaboration as possible to avoid any unnecessary duplication of research effort.

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**If you have any news, events, or funding opportunities you would like to share please contact us at [obgynresearch@vch.ca](mailto:obgynresearch@vch.ca). We would love to hear from you!**