

# Evidence Matters Update

## Connecting Research & Practice in Interior Health and Beyond

April 2024

**FIVE DAYS IN MAY 2024**

Join us online every Thursday in May to learn how research is transforming health and care across the province!

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Seniors Health Artificial Intelligence Mental Health Youth Health Indigenous Health

**Save the Date for 5 Days in May 2024!**  
 2024 marks the twelfth year of Five Days in May, and is a collaboration between Fraser Health, Interior Health, Island Health and Northern Health, in partnership with the B.C. Network Environment for Indigenous Health Research (BC NEIHR). The events offered every Thursday during this month aspire to bring together researchers and students, patients and healthcare providers, decision-makers and members of the public to learn, with the intent to share ideas and spark innovation. These events are free and open to all!  
 More information about 5 Days in May, and past recordings, are available here: [Five Days in May | Island Health](#)  
**When:** All events will take place on Thursdays between 12 – 2:30 pm via Zoom.  
 • All events are free and open to anyone.  
 • Stay tuned for details and registration is now open!  
**How:** [May 2](#), [May 9](#), [May 16](#), [May 23](#), [May 30](#)

### Calling all NPs and MDs: Looking for your invaluable opinion and perspective on Long-COVID!

The Interior Health Research Department is conducting a research project, focusing on understanding physicians' and NPs perspectives when caring for patients with Long COVID. As we strive to enhance our understanding of the challenges and successes in caring for patients with Long-COVID, we invite you to share your valuable experiences through our anonymous survey. Your insights will play a crucial role in improving educational resources, supports, and services for both caregivers and patients alike. The survey is entirely optional and should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Your responses will remain confidential, and the survey will close on **May 6, 2024**. Additionally, for those interested in more in-depth discussions, we will be hosting focus groups in early 2024.

[Click the link or scan the QR code!](#)  
[https://redcap.link/provider\\_covid\\_survey](https://redcap.link/provider_covid_survey)



**SAVE BC**

**FREE PUBLIC FORUM**

April 16, 5-7 PM

Kelowna Downtown Library

**Premature Heart Disease: Who is at risk, how to get screened, and preventative measures.**

Join us for an enlightening evening dedicated to empowering you with knowledge about heart health. The forum will feature experts and patients from SAVE BC, who are passionate about early detection and prevention of cardiovascular disease.

Snacks & refreshments provided.

Register for in person or virtual attendance:



Questions? Email [ClinicalResearchKIGH@interiorhealth.ca](mailto:ClinicalResearchKIGH@interiorhealth.ca)



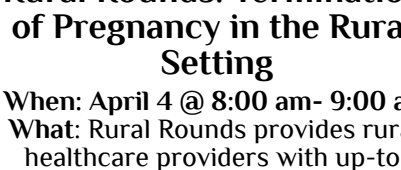
### Early Detection Could Save Your Life: KGH Foundation Announces SAVE BC Forum to Advance Heart Health Awareness

**When:** April 16, 2024 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
**Where:** Kelowna Downtown Library: 1380 Ellis Street  
**What:** Join an enlightening evening dedicated to knowledge about heart health. The forum will feature experts and patients from SAVE BC who are passionate about early detection and prevention of cardiovascular disease.  
**Who:** Free and open to all!  
 Snacks and Refreshments will be provided.  
**How:** To register for the forum, please visit: <https://www.kghfoundation.com/save-bc/>



### Rural Rounds: Termination of Pregnancy in the Rural Setting

**When:** April 4 @ 8:00 am- 9:00 am  
**What:** Rural Rounds provides rural healthcare providers with up-to-date and relevant medical education through interactive Zoom presentations. If you practice or support rural communities in British Columbia, you are encouraged to join these engaging sessions!  
**Who:** A registered midwife will lead this session.  
 This session is accredited for 1.00 PD hours  
**Where:** <https://rccbc.ca/event/rural-rounds-termination-of-pregnancy-in-the-rural-setting/>

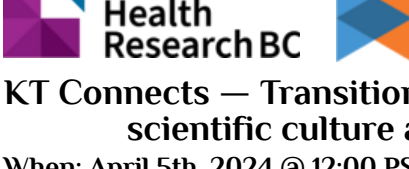


**When:** April 30 @ 7:30 pm- 9:00 pm  
**What:** Join SPRUCe for a CME accredited session hosted online via Zoom with Dr. Matthew Burkey, MD, PhD, MPH, FRCPC.  
**Who:** Dr. Burkey is a Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist (Williams Lake) and he is the Medical Lead for Northern Health Child & Youth Mental Health and Substance Use as well as the Medical Director for Interior Health Child/Adolescent Psychiatry. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor UBC Department of Psychiatry.  
**What:** Dr. Burkey will: Review techniques to assess suicidal risk in the acute setting. Discuss strategies to support a potentially suicidal patient Identify additional resources to support practitioners in rural communities when caring for suicidal pediatric patients.  
**Where:** <https://rccbc.ca/event/spruce-cme-adolescent-suicidality-and-suicide-risk-assessments/>



### Gender-affirming Care in Action: Stories and Insights from the Frontline

**When:** Join us virtually on Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024 from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm (PST), for “Gender-affirming Care in Action: Stories and Insights from the Frontline.”  
**What:** In this session, meet a diverse panel of healthcare professionals and individuals with transgender lived experiences. Through their stories and expertise, you will gain valuable insights into the healthcare needs of transgender and gender-diverse individuals and expand your understanding of how to deliver compassionate and high-quality care to all your patients.  
**How:** [https://ubc.ca/qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6Vwe1j0hEClp](https://ubc.ca/qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Vwe1j0hEClp)



### A Conversation with Dr. David Suzuki

**When:** Thursday April 4, 2024 @ 3:45pm - 5:00pm  
**What:** Humanity at a Crossroad: Business as Usual or Transformation. A conversation with Dr. David Suzuki. This event is presented by the UBC Cluster of Research Excellence in Solar Energy for Net Zero and the UBC Faculty of Applied Science. How and Where and How: **In-person Event, COM 201, The Commons, UBC Okanagan Campus & Online Virtual Event**



### KT Connects — Transition to Open: A shift in scientific culture and practice

**When:** April 5th, 2024 @ 12:00 PST  
**What:** The first in Health Research BC's series focused on open science — Dr. Maria Pawlowska will give an overview of open science by illustrating the variety of efforts underway in Canada, the United States, and Europe, explaining why open science is relevant to everyone, and highlighting the opportunities, benefits and challenges that lay ahead.  
**Who:** Dr. Maria Pawlowska is an expert in research management with a focus on scientific data management and open science. Following her PhD in earth sciences from the University of Cambridge, she transitioned to a career in research administration and policy.  
**Learning Objectives:** + Explain what open science entails. + Describe the Canadian and international context for open science implementation. + Illustrate how to implement an open science framework in a biomedical research context.  
**Where:** Online  
[https://healthresearchbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zpCNqiiHRZefy9-6bNtwjA#/registration](https://healthresearchbc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zpCNqiiHRZefy9-6bNtwjA#/registration)



### Canadian Center for Vaccinology Training and Education Committee Members Wanted

The CIRN Training and Education Committee (TEC) is looking to welcome new members. New members will support CIRN in its mission to train the next generation of vaccine researchers through formal trainee curriculum, scholarship competitions, and networking events.

Interested investigators should send an academic CV or CIHR Biosketch CV and cover letter briefly describing their involvement in CIRN to date, their interest on being on the committee, and what they hope to bring to the committee. To learn more contact Jenna Hastings at: [jenna.hastings@iwk.nshhealth.ca](mailto:jenna.hastings@iwk.nshhealth.ca). The deadline for applications is **Monday April 8th, 2024**.



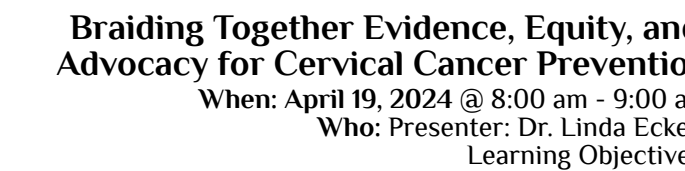
### Global Health Conference 2024

**Global Surgery: Addressing a Neglected Health Crisis**  
 The Global Health Conference is an annual event bringing together a community of students, trainees, clinicians, researchers, and faculty from across health professions and disciplines to share knowledge. This year, our focus is to bring attention to the often overlooked challenges in global surgical care, addressing issues from care inequalities to the impact of education and training on building surgical capacity. We will explore how these factors specifically affect the care of children and women worldwide. Our goal is to create an inclusive discussion forum for anyone interested in global health and surgery - everyone is welcome to attend.  
 This is a hybrid event with both in-person and virtual options, but of course we highly encourage you to attend in-person! Coffee and a catered lunch will be provided for all in-person attendees. Head over to the 'Registration' page to secure your spot.  
**When:** Thursday, April 11, 2024 | 9:00 am - 1:30 pm PDT  
**Where:** Virtual & In-Person at the Chan Centre for Family Health Education, BC Children's Hospital



### Trauma-informed, Healing-centered Community Wellness: Indigenous approaches to embodiment and contemplative practices with Dr. Jessica Barudin

**When:** Wednesday, April 17th, 2024 (PST) @ 10 a.m. to 11:30 am  
**Where:** Free online via [Zoom!](#)  
[https://ubc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CpN68buoRo-iPZ17UVgtgA#/registration](https://ubc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CpN68buoRo-iPZ17UVgtgA#/registration)  
**Who:** Dr. Jessica Barudin (member of the 'Namgis First Nation, Kwakwaka'wakw), on “Trauma-informed, Healing-centered Community Wellness.” This session will dive into how Indigenous ancestral practices and trauma-informed strategies may help us heal and care for ourselves and our communities in powerful ways.  
**What:** Dr. Barudin will share her insights on combining ancestral practices with body-based wellness strategies that honor Indigenous knowledge. She will share her community work and research focusing on healing from trauma through connection to our breath, bodies, and minds. Join us for a live breathwork practice, led by Jessica to experience the healing power of your breath.



### Braiding Together Evidence, Equity, and Advocacy for Cervical Cancer Prevention

**When:** April 19, 2024 @ 8:00 am - 9:00 am  
**Who:** Presenter: Dr. Linda Eckert  
**Learning Objectives:**  
 Have insight into equity challenges in cervical cancer prevention  
 Know updated evidence of single dose HPV vaccine  
 Engage in questions about potential roll of advocacy in furthering scientific and policy goals  
**Location Details:**  
**How:** Go to <https://ubc.zoom.us/> and click on 'Join a Meeting'. Enter the Meeting ID: 92458 122656 Enter the passcode: 122656  
<https://whri.org/news-events/bc-womens-hospital-virtual-research-rounds/>



### FROM THE WARD TO THE BOARD: HEALTH CARE CONTEXT AND CONSIDERATIONS IN 2024

**When:** April 22, 2024 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm  
**Who:** Devin Harris  
**Where:** 700 - 828 W. 10 Ave., VGH Research Pavilion or Online via [Zoom](#)  
**What:** Health care in 2024 is complex and under strain. Workforce considerations, patient and community engagement, broader definitions of health to include social care, partnerships, innovation, and constrained resources add to the complexities of delivering high-quality care to British Columbians. Clinicians, academics, educators, health leaders, politicians and the public are all needing to adapt to rapid changes in the health system. This presentation will discuss the context and considerations, with a focus on areas of inquiry, that could support health system improvements in B.C.



### Longitudinal Analysis and Multi-level Modelling of Population Health Data Course

**Course description:**  
 This course will provide you with an introduction to—and hands-on experience specifying—multi-level modeling and longitudinal analysis. You will gain an understanding of different types of approaches including:  
 time varying and invariant predictors  
 multivariate and multi-population models with different outcomes  
 missing data, errors in measurement and measurement misclassification  
 This course is designed to serve the needs of researchers who will analyze and model longitudinal data in population health research.  
**Registration details:**  
**Delivery style:** Asynchronous **Date:** April 29 – July 21, 2024  
**Total instructional hours:** 36  
**Register by:** April 22, 2024  
**Withdraw by:** May 6, 2024  
**Instructor:** Stacey Voll  
**Textbook information:** Singer, J. D., & Willett, J. B. (2003). Applied longitudinal data analysis: Modeling change and event occurrence. New York: Oxford University Press.  
**How to find more information and to register:**  
<https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/health-wellness-and-safety/courses/longitudinal-analysis-and-multi-level-modelling-of-population-health-data/>



### DIABETES & OBESITY RESEARCH DAY 2024

**What and When:** Join us in Kelowna on June 12th as we celebrate our 5th annual UBC Diabetes & Obesity Research Day. This meeting is focused on all aspects of diabetes & obesity research - from beta cells to bicycles. This exciting annual scientific day enables academic researchers from across British Columbia to connect, collaborate, and present their research. Graduate trainees are invited to deliver an oral presentation or present a scientific poster highlighting their research project. This in-person event includes both on campus presentations and an evening scientific poster reception at a local venue.  
**How:** <https://event.fourwaves.com/dord2024/registration>  
 \*This event is an internal academic research conference hosted by the University of British Columbia and is not open to the public.

### MONEY MATTERS GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

see hyperlinks for each grant offering eligibility and criteria\*

- International Cosmos Prize Deadline: April 12, 2024
- VinFuture Prize Deadline: April 17, 2024
- Rural Physician Research Grant Program Deadline: April 30, 2024
- Rural Global Health Partnership Initiative Deadline: April 30, 2024
- Roux Prize Deadline: May 15, 2024
- NRC Killam Prize Deadline: June 6, 2024
- NRC Dorothy Killam Fellowships Deadline: June 13, 2024
- Killam NRC Paul Corkum Fellowships Deadline: June 20, 2024
- NSERC Alliance Advantage
- UBC Vancouver-Okanagan Collaborative Research Mobility Awards
- Health Research BC-Mitacs Industry-Based Program
- NSERC Alliance-Mitacs Accelerate Grants

