



IH RESEARCH WEEK 2025
MAY 6-9



SAVE THE DATE
IH Research Week 2025!

Moving to May!

Happening May 6-9, IH Research Week 2025 is hosted by Interior Health, BC SUPPORT Unit Interior Centre, and in partnership with BC Cancer Clinical Trials!

All events are FREE and open to everyone! Explore past IH Research Week recordings: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLws0NwJdLuYQgzU7WSYioPIESToyQdY0t> Stay tuned for more information and email us anytime: research@interiorhealth.ca



EMBRACE AGING 2025

REGISTER NOW!

The Institute for Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention is delighted to co-sponsor with Beem Credit Union and Interior Health to bring the Annual Okanagan Embrace Aging month in March each year.

Embrace Aging is a month long series of events to celebrate and raise awareness about positive aging in the Okanagan valley. The sessions are for everyone – young and old alike, and focus on a variety of topics related to healthy aging and ways to enhance quality of life among seniors.

How: <https://www.okanaganembraceaging.com/events-calendar/>



2025 BC Rural Health Conference
June 6-8, 2025, in Prince George!!

Call for Poster Abstracts

Currently accepting poster abstracts for the 2025 BC Rural Health Conference. Share your ideas on improving the rural health of patients and communities, cultivating rural innovations, creating high-quality health system improvements across British Columbia or globally, and more. Submit your poster abstract by **Tuesday, April 1st, 2025.**

Research & Capacity Building → Research Events
Five Days in May

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5 Days in May 2025

B.C.'s health research month is designed to educate, inform, inspire, stimulate and transform.

Every year, Island Health collaborates with partner organizations to bring together researchers and students, patients and healthcare providers, decision-makers and members of the public to learn, share ideas and spark innovation. These events are open to everyone.

Explore past recordings here: <https://www.islandhealth.ca/research-capacity-building/five-days-may>



Evacuate or shelter-in-place?

Applying a risk-informed decision support tool for long-term care facilities threatened by wildfire

PUBLICATION ALERT!

What: Using an Evaluation Risk Decision-Support Tool to inform Long-Term Care facility evacuations during wildfire emergencies.

Who: Brent Hobbs, Alana Hicik, Jeffrey Tochkin, and Andre Bloemink

How: Hobbs, B., Hicik, A., Tochkin, J. and Bloemink, A. (2024), Evacuation or shelter-in-place? "Applying a risk-informed decision support tool for long-term care facilities threatened by wildfire", Journal of Business Continuity & Emergency Planning, Vol. 18, No. 3



Refusing the Diversity Problem: Liberalism, Genomics, and Indigenous Critique

Date and Time:

February 18, 2025 / 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PST

Event Description: The "genomic diversity problem" in the field of medical genetics and precision health research reflects an enduring colonial logic tied to liberal identity/difference politics, which prioritize inclusion and representation over substantive engagement with Indigenous sovereignties on their own terms. This paper critiques diversity initiatives in genomics, arguing that they perpetuate colonial structures by framing Indigeneity through liberal identity/difference politics of representation. Instead, it calls for Indigenous-led genomics governance that centers local sovereignties and relationalities moving beyond the reductive politics of inclusion to transform knowledge production.

How: <https://learningcircle.ubc.ca/2025/01/24/jessica-kolopenuk-diversity-problem/>



BCCHR & WHRI PRESENT:
Big Data, Fast Solutions: High-Performance Computing in Digital Health

The BC Children's Hospital Research Institute (BCCHR) and the Women's Health Research Institute (WHRI) are collaborating to host a digital health research series.

Date and Time:

February 27, 2025 / 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM PST

Event Description:

Unlock the power of HPC in digital health! Learn how big data drives fast solutions, from AI innovations to real-world healthcare impact.

Objectives:

- Understand the Role of High-Performance Computing in Digital Health: Explore how high-performance computing (HPC) accelerates the analysis of complex datasets, driving innovation in digital health research and applications.
- Identify Key Challenges and Opportunities in Using Big Data for Healthcare Solutions: Examine the technical, ethical, and operational challenges of processing big data in healthcare, and discuss strategies to overcome them.
- Explore best practices and encourage further research: Share research studies and projects that have effectively implemented HPC in the current practices. Stimulate interest among seminar attendees to pursue research opportunities related to HPC in healthcare and to potentially highlight areas where additional research is needed.

How: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/big-data-fast-solutions-high-performance-computing-in-digital-health>



Indigenous Health Administration and Leadership Program (IHALP)

Now Accepting Applications!

Rooted in the core values of resiliency, culture and Indigenous perspectives, the UBC Certificate in Indigenous Health Administration and Leadership is designed to build and enhance your knowledge of health administration so you can confidently design, lead, and deliver holistic health and wellness programming in Indigenous organizations and communities.

- **Format:** Courses are either virtual classes with 3 day in-person residencies (held at UBC Vancouver campus)
- **Duration:** One year, part-time
- **Next program start date:** March 28, 2025

Final application deadline: February 19, 2025

How: <https://health.indigenous.ubc.ca/home-page/programs/ihalp/>



KT Canada Summer Institute 2025

Knowledge Translation (KT) Canada Summer Institute will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, from **June 17-19, 2025** at the Simon Fraser University Harbourfront Centre. The theme for this Summer Institute will be "KT and learning health systems".

The Summer Institute provides participants with the opportunity to increase their understanding of knowledge translation research as well as opportunities and challenges in this field. The Summer Institute will also provide participants with the chance to network with colleagues including national and international KT experts. The Summer Institute is aimed at graduate students, post-doctoral and clinical fellows, junior faculty who study issues relevant to KT, and those who want to learn more about how to advance their research skills in this area. We encourage applications from a wide range of disciplines that span all of CIHR's research themes (clinical, health services, and population health).

Application Deadline: February 10, 2025

More information: <https://ktcanada.org/event/kt-canada-summer-institute-2025/>



Search the IH PubHub

Interior Health Publications Hub (IH PubHub) is a searchable bibliographic database of published material created by Interior Health staff and/or physicians. It is designed to index, share, and celebrate the scholarly output of our research community.

ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

Radon and lung cancer risk

<https://www.cmaj.ca/content/195/24/E850>

MONEY MATTERS

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

see hyperlinks for each grant offering eligibility and criteria*

- CIHR Project Grant Spring 2025
Deadline: February 5, 2025.
- Health Research BC Research Trainee Program
Full application deadline (applicant): February 13th, 2025
- SSHRC, CIHR, & MSHR: Research on Research Joint Initiative
Deadline: February 20, 2025.
- 2025 Research Impact Canada (RIC) Engaged Scholarship Award
Deadline: February 24, 2025.
- UBC Clinician Scholar Program
- WorkSafeBC Research Grant Opportunities
- MSHR: CANTRAIN Clinical Research Internship
Deadline: Accepting on a rolling basis until March.
- BC NEIHR: Graduate and Postdoctoral Funding
Deadline: March 15, 2025.
- Health Research BC: Advancing the Use of Evidence in Seniors' Home and Intentional Care
Deadline: March 24, 2025
- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants
- NSERC Alliance-Mitacs Accelerate Grants
- NSERC Alliance Advantage



Quality Café:
Exploring Lean: Strengthening the Quality Improvement Toolbox

Date and Time:

February 19, 2025 / 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM PST

Event Description

Despite significant effort to improve healthcare, efficiency and effectiveness, rates of harm remain consistently high, and healthcare associated costs continue to grow. This stark reality requires those within the system to adopt multi-faceted, innovative approaches to improving quality of care that will contribute to sustainability of our public system.

Lean is one form of improvement that has been successfully utilized by several leading healthcare organizations in their efforts to meet the dynamic and growing demands of healthcare industry. Often thought of as a standalone method of improvement, Lean principles and tools are most effective when used in conjunction with other methodologies including the IHI Model for Improvement.

By adopting Lean as part of a larger strategy for Quality Improvement, we can create a more robust, effective "toolbox" to support a mindset of continuous improvement that can be tailored to any setting or improvement effort.

Learning Objectives

- At the end of this webinar, learners will be able to:
Describe how Lean fits with other quality improvement methodologies.
- Identify specific ways Lean principles can be applied to guide improvement efforts within organizations.
- Explain the foundational principles of Lean and their relevance to continuous improvement.

How: <https://healthqualitybc.ca/events/quality-cafe-exploring-lean-strengthening-the-quality-improvement-toolbox/>

Quality Forum 2025:
Embracing Human Connection

Register now for the Health Quality BC Quality Forum! The Quality Forum is an annual conference that brings together British Columbia's health care community to share and discuss how to improve quality across the continuum of care. This three-day event is a great opportunity to learn new skills and strategies, discuss opportunities and challenges, and network with others interested in improving health care.

Forum Dates: March 11 - 13, 2025

Where: Vancouver Convention Centre

How: <https://healthqualitybc.ca/quality-forum/registration/>