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The Network Goes to Princeton!

The Rural Health Services Research Network of BC was honored to be invited to Princeton's Healthcare Community Consultation, which took place on January 29, 2013. This consultation brought together a diverse group of community members and stakeholders to discuss and identify the current healthcare challenges faced by Princeton and its surrounding area. Over forty community members participated within small focus groups, sharing their personal experiences with the delivery of Princeton's healthcare. The consultation was spearheaded by Save Our Hospital Coalition (SOHC) and UBC-Okanagan's Dr. Barb Pesut and her team of researchers. Findings from this consultation will be used to inform potential areas of future research, and ultimately it is hoped that these findings will help lead to an improved model of healthcare delivery in Princeton and other rural communities.

About the SOHC

Save Our Hospital Coalition (SOHC) was established in 2012, by community members, in response to night time emergency closures at the Princeton hospital.

SOHC and community members of Princeton have been incredibly active in bringing attention to the current lack of healthcare services available in their community. Their passion and determination to bring about equitable access to health care services for rural communities has been absolutely inspiring to witness and be a part of!

For more information on the SOHC, check out <http://savepgh.ca/>.

Recent Publications

Hutten-Czapski, P. (2013) Editorial: A call for rural generalist surgeons. *Can J Rural Med*, 18: 1.

- Available at: <http://www.cma.ca/multimedia/staticContent/HTML/N0/l2/cjrm/vol-18/issue-1/pdf/pg3.pdf>

Bacsu J.R. et al. (2012). Healthy Aging in Place: Supporting Rural Seniors' Health Needs. *Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care*, 12: 2.

Pellowski, J.A. (2013). Barriers to Care for Rural People Living with HIV: A Review of Domestic Research and Health Care Models. *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*.

Hage, E., Roo, J.P., van Offenbeek, M.A.G. & A. Boonstra (2013). Implementation factors and their effect on e-Health service adoption in rural communities: a systematic literature review. *BMC Health Services Research*, 13: 19.

- Available at: www.biomedcentral.com/content/pdf/1472-6963-13-19.pdf
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Upcoming Events in BC

The First Nation's Health Authority

February 6, 2013 | Vancouver, P.G., Victoria & Kelowna

Grand Chief Doug Kelly will discuss the First Nations' Health Authority and the Health Council which he Chair's. This talk will provide an overview of the history and development of the First Nations' Health Authority, as well future implications and its impact on Aboriginal health. For more information, click on this link: <http://globalhealth.med.ubc.ca/2013/01/february-6-ahi-speaker-series-the-first-nations-health-authority/>

UBC's Department of Family Practice Research Skills Workshops & Faculty Research Day

March 8-9, 2013 | Vancouver BC

This event will be held at the University Golf Club, 5185 University Boulevard, Vancouver and is an excellent opportunity to attend research skills-building workshops, meet potential collaborators, and network. The workshop is free to all members of the UBC Department of Family Practice (faculty, research staff, clinician scholars, and residents). For more information please email rebecca.goulding@familymed.ubc.ca.

Society of Rural Physicians 21st Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Course: *Sea to Sea to Sea*

April 4-7, 2013 | Victoria BC

This working conference hosted by the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada offers nearly 200 workshops, lectures and plenaries in a peer-to-peer interactive learning environment. Based largely on small group sessions, this conference will allow you to interact both with speakers and each other in beautiful Victoria, BC. Early bird registration is now open. **Workshop submissions are currently being accepted.** Please visit <http://www.srpc.ca/rr2013/> for more information.

Northern Health Brown Paper Bag Series

February 28, 2013 | Prince George & Webinar

Dr. Kuo-Hsing Kuo, Associate Professor of the Northern Medical Program, will be speaking on the topic of **Conducting Research Ethically**. This presentation will take place at UHNBC 4th-floor education room 410 from **12:15-1:15pm**. Webcast is available at <https://innovationdevelopment.webex.com> and teleconferencing by calling 1-877-385-4099 (Passcode: 835 3420#).

Health Region Interventions Addressing the Social Determinants of Health: Equity and Structural Lenses

February 26, 2013 | 10-11:30am

There is an increasing focus on health equity in the world of population health research and recognition of the importance of structural interventions for addressing the underlying determinants of health. This presentation will provide an overview of the methods and the results of a jurisdictional scan of health region activities related to the social determinants of health. The focus of the presentation will be on the lenses used in the research to analyze how various population health interventions address equity and drive structural changes.

Homebirth: Facts, Biases and Liability

March 1, 2013 | 10-11:00am

The purpose of this presentation is to give health care providers and researchers a better understanding of home birth as an option for Ontario women and families. Currently, Ontario is home to more than 600 midwives - about half of the total number of midwives working in Canada - and midwives are the only maternity care providers who offer home birth as a birth place option for pregnant Ontarians.

To register for these webinars and others visit **CHNET-Works!** at: <http://www.chnet-works.ca/>.

National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health (NCCAHA)

The NCCAHA, established in 2005, supports First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples in realizing their public health goals and reducing the health inequities that currently exist within their communities. The NCCAHA website offers a range of resources including publications, pertinent links, highlights and updates on Indigenous topics. Below is a listing of some great Aboriginal focused research sources currently available on the NCCAHA website (<http://www.nccah-ccnsa.ca/en/>):

- A systematic review of Western and Aboriginal research designs: Assessing cross-validation to explore compatibility and convergence;
- Towards Cultural Safety for Métis: An introduction for health care providers;
- State of knowledge of Aboriginal health: A review of Aboriginal public health in Canada; and
- Challenging hidden assumptions: Colonial norms as determinants of Aboriginal mental health.



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