



Katrina Plamondon and Linda Sawchenko of Interior Health hosted our Research Skills Workshop on June 1st in Castlegar BC. This workshop covered the basics of developing your research project and will be posted on our website later this month.

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Research Skill Workshops

Navigating Research Ethics & Aboriginal Health Research Ethics



June 15th, Nanaimo BC 9:30-4:30, lunch provided.

Hosts: Lynn Cummings & Dr. Chris Lalonde Ph.D.

Description: This two part workshop will spend the morning discussing research ethics for health services research including, why ethics are important, when and how to apply for ethics and where to apply for ethics. Special emphasis will be placed on the consent process and health authority ethics applications. The afternoon will be hosted by Aboriginal health research expert, Dr. Chris Lalonde of UVic and will focus on research ethics for Aboriginal health research including, approaching and engaging aboriginal communities, appropriate research methodologies and returning results to the community.

Register online at www.rhsrnbcc.ca! Web Conferencing available.

Preparing for Publication and Knowledge Translation **Save the Date!**



November 14th, 2012, Prince George BC

9:30-4:30, lunch provided.

Hosts: TBA

Description: This two part workshop will spend the morning discussing writing tools and hints for preparing your manuscript for successful publication and will be followed by an afternoon of knowledge translation and mobilization tools. Registration will open in September.

Coming Soon to our Website....

Video Workshops by RHSRNbc Network Director, Dr. Stefan Grzybowski

- Writing a Research Proposal
- Gathering Evidence for Rural Practice

Upcoming Knowledge Translation Events

IDC Brown Bag Lunch

Issues and Care for Cancer Survivors in the North - Dr. Mary McBride and Dr. Robert Olsen

Ground floor conference room, University Hospital of Northern BC

WebEx: innovationdevelopment.webex.com Password: brownbag, Meeting# 804 389 850

Teleconference: 1-877-385-4099 Code: 835 3420 #

Upcoming Events and Conferences

7th BC Rural Communities Summit—Grassroots, Growing Sustainable Rural Communities.

June 7-9 2012 in Grand Forks, BC.

The BC Rural Network and Community Futures Boundary will bring together rural stakeholders from across BC to learn firsthand about effective and practical approaches to empowering rural communities in the challenges and opportunities presented to them by a changing climate and a climate of change for rural BC. This event will engage participants through a variety of information sessions, interactive workshops, skills development, debates and dialogue and is expected to attract 150 delegates from a cross section of the rural communities in BC and beyond. Participants will be representatives of rural, remote and northern communities, private, public and non-profit organizational sectors, educational institutions, youth, and all orders of government (Federal, Provincial, Municipal and First Nations). Travel Bursaries will be available for members of the BC Rural Network. <http://www.bcruralnetwork.ca/bcruralsummit>

UBC Department of Family Practice Research Days

June 21: Faculty Research Days

We invite all members of the Department of Family Practice, including Clinician Scholars, community-based researchers, midwives, clinical and academic faculty, and research staff to this year's DFP Faculty Research Day on Thursday, June 21, 2012. This year's event will focus on clinical and academic research presentations and will be an excellent opportunity for you to celebrate in the scholarly projects of the researchers, to network with others who share your scholarly interests, and to engage in dialogue about family practice research.

Contact debra.hanberg@familymed.ubc.ca for more information

Rondez-Vous 2012

October 9-14th, Thunder Bay Ontario

This conference will bring together the Wonca World Rural Health Conference and The Network: Towards Unity for Health annual conference, as well as the next NOSM/Flinders Conference on Community Engaged Medical Education, the Consortium for Longitudinal Integrated Curricula, and the Training for Health Equity Network.

Inaugural Clinical Educators Conference

October 22-23, Prince George Civic Center

This multidisciplinary conference will showcase the use of new technology, research, tools and methods in educating frontline health care staff and students. Prepare to be inspired, innovated and informed

Inspirational speaker Barb Bancroft has been confirmed as the keynote speaker. She is the author of *Medical Minutiae*, a humorous look at the fields of medicine and nursing; *An Apple a Day: The ABCs of Diet and Disease*; and *Live a Little, Laugh a Lot*. She is also a contributing editor to the 1998 edition of *Beare and Myers Adult Health Nursing* (Mosby, St. Louis). Abstracts and workshop topics will be welcomed from participants from all healthcare disciplines who wish to share their knowledge, expertise or relevant research findings with conference attendees. For more information email clinicaleducatorsconference@northernhealth.ca

Canadian Rural Health Research Society's Annual Conference: *Rural and Remote Health Research: Creative Approaches*

October 25-27th, Levis Quebec

The Canadian Rural Health Research Society offers the opportunity for researchers and their collaborators to network with new and established researchers of many disciplines engaged in rural, remote and northern health research. Each year, at our annual scientific meetings we discuss current findings and seek to build new and extend existing networks among those with common research interests and goals.

Call for Abstracts Deadline: June 8th, 2012

<http://crhrs-scrsr.usask.ca/levisqc2012/index.php>

Funding Opportunities

RHSRNbc Research Support Awards

Travel bursaries will be awarded to RHSRNbc members who have been invited to present their rural health services research orally or, in poster format at either a national or international conference. There are four bursaries to be won—three national bursaries of up to \$450 and one international bursary of \$750. These bursaries are intended to *subsidize* the costs of travel and accommodation and other expenses related to conference participation.

This competition has a *rolling deadline* and bursaries will be awarded on a first come first serve basis to deserving applications given they meet appropriate standards of quality. Application forms are available online at www.rhsrnb.ca.

CIHR Awards:

Catalyst Grant—Health Service and Systems for an Aging Population

Registration Deadline: June 15, 2012

Application Deadline: August 18, 2012

The goal of the HSSAP is compassionate, evidence-based, fiscally responsible care for older Canadians, both within and beyond the formal health care system. The objectives of the HSSAP initiative are to develop and exchange knowledge that will inform health services and systems across the spectrum of care for older Canadians. This care spectrum extends from primary care to long term care, home care and end-of life care. The expected outcomes are changes in policy and programming by provincial governments, health care delivery organizations and health care providers, etc. that are informed by the funded research and the knowledge translation and exchange. The impact will be improved quality of life for older Canadians receiving care within and/or beyond the formal health care system .

Planning Grants: Spring 2012 Competition

Registration Deadline June 15, 2012

Application Deadline October 31, 2012

CIHR recognizes that an important part of this process is the planning required to build active and meaningful collaborations and/or effectively scan and understand the health research landscape before embarking on a grant application. The CIHR Knowledge Translation (KT) Branch will provide support to individuals or groups for planning activities that will contribute to the advancement of research consistent with the mandate of CIHR.

Recent Rural Publications

Multiple Relationships: Maintaining Professional Identity in Rural Social Work Practice

"Working in a rural community locates the professional in a wider social network as community members often expect more from their professionals; not only as service providers, but also as engaged members of the community."

Brownlee, K., Halverson, G. and Chassie, A. (2012). Multiple Relationships: Maintaining Professional Identity in Rural Social Work Practice. *Journal of Comparative Social Work* 2012/1

Needs of Specialists in Rural and Remote Canada

"Very little literature exists on rural specialists as a unique group and how best to meet their needs. We sought to provide some baseline information on specialists practicing in rural and remote Canada to better understand their reasons for working rurally, their workload and how supported they felt, as well as their sources of advice and satisfaction with continuing medical education (CME)."

Toguri, C., Jong, M. & Roger, J. (2012). Needs of specialists in rural and remote Canada. *Can J Rural Med* 17(2):56-62

Cancer Patterns in Inuit Nunangat

"Cancer incidence has increased substantially among all circumpolar Inuit living in Canada, Alaska, and Greenland. Evidence indicates that these patterns may be changing, possibly due to changes to diet and lifestyle in recent decades, so that previously relatively rare cancers among Inuit are increasingly experienced."

Carriere, G., Tjepkema, M., Pennock, J. & Goedhuis, N. (2012). Cancer patterns in Inuit Nunangat: 1998-2007. *Int J Circumpolar Health* 2012, **71**: 18581

The Impact of Action Schools! BC on the Health of Aboriginal Children and Youth Living in Rural and Remote Communities in British Columbia

"The aim of the study was to determine the short-term impact of a 7-month whole-school physical activity and healthy eating intervention (Action Schools! BC) over the 2007–2008 school year for children and youth in 3 remote First Nations villages in northwestern British Columbia. A pre-experimental pre/post design was conducted with 148 children and youth (77 males, 71 females; age 12.5±2.2 yrs)".

Tomlin, D., Naylor, P. J., McKay, H., Zorzi, A., Mitchell, M. & Panagiotopoulos, C. The impact of Action Schools! BC on the health of Aboriginal children and youth living in rural and remote communities in British Columbia. *Int J Circumpolar Health* 2012, **71**: 17999

Prostate Cancer Incidence and Mortality in Rural Men - A systematic Review of the Literature

"This systematic review has been undertaken to determine if there are differences in incidence of and mortality from prostate cancer between rural and urban men. The understanding of geographical patterns of prostate cancer incidence and mortality is necessary in order to identify and assess any disparities between rural and urban residents in gaining access to healthcare services, such as screening, diagnosis and treatment."

Obertova Z, Brown C, Holmes M, Lawrenson R. Prostate cancer incidence and mortality in rural men – a systematic review of the literature. *Rural and Remote Health* **12**: 2039. (Online) 2012.