



Hello members!

I hope that September was good to you all, and that you have settled nicely into Fall! Here at the Network we have been very busy. On Monday, September 16 we exhibited at the InspireNet 2013 conference here in Vancouver, where I had the opportunity to connect with nurses and other health professionals from all over BC, as well as meet several RHSRNbc members in person.

Perhaps the biggest news from the Network is that we moved our office here in Vancouver to the UBC Point Grey campus. You can reach us at **604-827-2194**, or at our new office on the **3rd floor of the David Strangway Building at 5950 University Boulevard**.

-Taylor Fleming, RHSRNbc Coordinator

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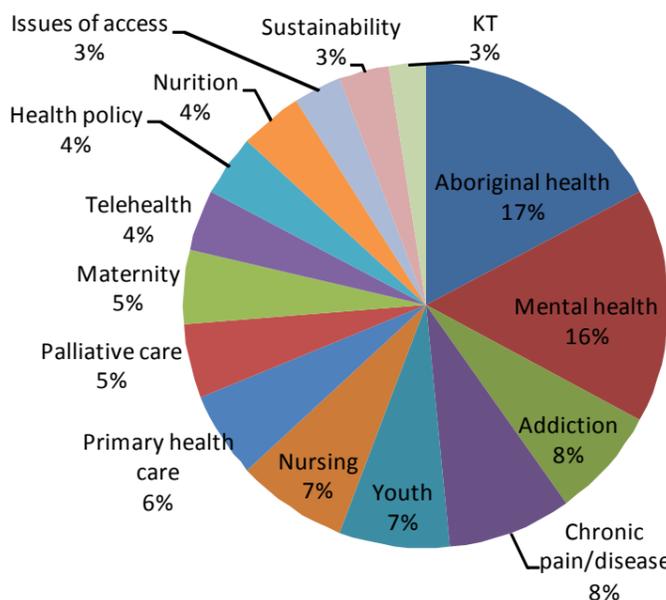
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Who is the RHSRNbc?

As many of you are aware, when first joining the RHSRNbc, we ask that members provide us with information such as affiliation, profession, and research interests. Last month we showed you where your fellow members are throughout the province, and this month we are bringing you a bit of information about what areas of research Network members are interested in.

The most common research interest our members express is aboriginal health, with the most people reporting this as their primary interest on Vancouver Island, and in the Lower Mainland and Cariboo. Mental health emerged as the next most popular area of interest, most notably in the Cariboo and Thompson-Okanagan regions.

Overall, we can see that members of the RHSRNbc have very diverse interests in research. We hope to use this information to tailor our programming for our membership. Let us know if you have an interest that you would like to see represented in our programs at info@rhsrnb.ca. And if you have any colleagues eager to join the RHSRNbc, we are always accepting new members through our website at: <http://rhsrnb.ca/membership/membership-2/>



"To my patients: I know you may never understand the intricacies of medical training, but I want you to know that out of all the career paths on offer, I chose to be your GP -- to be the person that you turn to in your time of need, who sees you as a whole person and not just a diseased organ, and to be the one who helps guide you to health and wellness. I hope you know that I feel truly privileged to be your doctor." - Dr. Penny Wilson via Huffington Post, <http://ow.ly/pdzil>

Upcoming Events

Family Medicine Forum

November 7-9, 2013 | Vancouver, BC

Family Medicine Forum (FMF) is the premier family medicine conference in Canada. FMF is co-hosted by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the British Columbia College of Family Physicians (BCCFP) and the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers. Providing a full selection of relevant clinical, teaching and faculty development topics, as well as Mainpro-C workshops, FMF 2013 promises something for everyone! Early bird registration closes September 9th. Find more information at: <http://fmf.cfpc.ca/>

Stories of Rural Health through Knowledge, Research and Collaborative Action

November 13-15, 2013 | Prince George, BC

This year, Northern Health, the Innovation and Development Commons, and the University of Northern BC are teaming up with the Canadian Rural Health Research Society to offer an action packed three-day conference in Prince George. This year's theme will focus on research and collaborative action in rural health. Registration now open at: <http://crhrs-scrsr.usask.ca/pgbc2013/>

Building SustainABLE Communities

November 25-28, 2013 | Kelowna, BC

The Fresh Outlook Foundation is hosting its 6th Building SustainABLE Communities conference November 25th-28th in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada. Delegates from government, business, NGOs, and academia, along with students and members of the general public, will gather to learn from each other about accelerating the move toward more vibrant and resilient communities. Innovative and interactive opportunities for information-sharing amongst sponsors, speakers, delegates, and exhibitors will be peppered with social and cultural activities to guarantee more meaningful and memorable outcomes. Find more information at <http://freshoutlookfoundation.org/events/2013bsc/>

The **Canadian Best Practices Portal** is back up and running. This Portal provides you with resources and solutions to plan programs for promoting health and preventing diseases in your community. The site consolidates multiple sources of trusted and credible information in one place, making it a one-stop shop for busy health professionals and decision-makers. Visit the CBPP at <http://cbpp-pcpe.phac-aspc.gc.ca/>

Call for Abstracts

International Rural Health and Rural Nursing Research Conference

July 29-31, 2014 | Bozeman, Montana

The conference will focus on research, evidence-based practice innovation and education to promote the health of rural and remote populations. Nationally and internationally known researchers, practitioners, and educators from multiple disciplines whose focus is improving the health of rural people and communities are invited to participate. **Abstracts due November 1, 2013.** More information online at <http://eu.montana.edu/rural/health/default.htm>

Educational Opportunities

Banff Enhanced Surgical Skills CME Program

Friday, January 24, 2013 | Banff, Alberta

Hosted through the University of Calgary, this one-day course will update rural ESS surgeons with current methods for common procedures, and encourage informal FP-Specialist networks within ESS services. Covered topics include complicated wound closures, minor gynecological procedures, and caesarean section techniques. Find the brochure online at cme.ucalgary.ca/courses



Funding Opportunities

RHSRNbc Travel Bursary Competition

The RHSRNbc offers four bursaries—three national bursaries of up to \$450 and one international bursary of \$750—to subsidize the cost of travel, accommodation, and other expenses related to conference participation. Bursaries are awarded to RHSRNbc members who have been invited to present their rural health services research orally or as a poster at either a national or international conference. This application has a rolling deadline, so be sure to get yours in soon!

Find the application at rhsrnb.ca/the-latest-in-rural-health-research/funding/

CIHR Network Catalyst Grant

This grant will provide support for the creation and/or further development of a formal network. The aim of this network will be to facilitate the pooling of resources to support innovative research and practices, to build capacity and to provide a forum for discussing ideas, sharing best practices and consulting on challenges. This opportunity will provide funding for a network that demonstrates a capacity to advance work in priority research areas.

Apply by November 1, 2013 at <http://ow.ly/pdAEL>

CIHR Health Professional Student Research Award (Undergraduate)

The purpose of this program is to further strengthen clinical research by providing research training to health professionals and strengthen talent development. It is expected that this targeted investment will lead to the development of the next generation of clinician-researchers.

Register by November 1, 2013 at <http://ow.ly/pdATe>

CIHR Operating Grant: Knowledge into Action

The intent of this funding opportunity is to accelerate the translation of knowledge by linking researchers and knowledge users to move knowledge into action, and in so doing, increase the understanding of knowledge application through the process. Applicants can request funding to support partnerships, knowledge and tools for implementation projects of up to two years duration.

Apply by December 2, 2013 at <http://ow.ly/pdBwP>

Check this out!



Mount Pleasant Village, a community in Brampton, Ontario, has been built with the public's health in mind. Neighbourhoods are typically built for cars, which public health officials and city planners recognize works against public health goals. Mount Pleasant Village was designed with walkability and proximity to services in mind. This is just one example of a public environment being designed with healthy living in mind. Read more at <http://ow.ly/pdEqn>

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