



Research News

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Research Capacity Building

In 2005, VIHA was awarded a research capacity building grant from the Health Services & Policy Research Support Network of the Michael Smith Research Foundation for Health Research. The focus of the project is to build research capacity with VIHA health professionals and decision makers. In addition, there is an emphasis to build collaborative links with academic partners, other health authorities, and the Ministry of Health. Building research capacity at VIHA takes two forms: facilitating the use of research evidence to inform practice, planning and decision making; and facilitating innovative health services and policy research. This grant has recently been renewed for an additional 15 months. Here is what this office has to offer:

Collaborative research: We can assist with all phases of the collaborative research process including working with VIHA practitioners or decision-makers to refine the research question and developing a research team. Currently, we are assisting with two on-going projects- a collaborative research initiative between the Centre on Aging at UVic and Continuing Health Services portfolio at VIHA (COACH) and the UVic-VIHA Research Help Desk.

Research Consultation: We also provide individual consultations and skill development workshops on research design & data analysis to novice and experienced VIHA researchers.

Coordination of research: We assist with identifying funding opportunities, preparation of ethics applications, and grant proposal writing.

Promotion of research: We hope to further awareness of research opportunities within VIHA through portfolio presentations, and publication of this monthly newsletter. We would also like to highlight your research and how research is being used to improve and enhance patient care.

What I Need From You

As the project coordinator for research capacity building, I need your stories. What research projects are happening in your area of VIHA? How is your work using research findings? Please send your thoughts, queries, ideas, or reports to me, Wanda Martin at cap_building@viha.ca.

Check out our web site at: http://www.viha.ca/rnd/capacity_building.htm

The Capacity-Building team is supported by a grant from:



Message from the Director

The Research and Academic Development department is happy to be engaged in the development of a business plan with MBA students at the University of Victoria. Our aim is to learn how to serve you better and to contribute to the quality care currently being offered by VIHA employees. We appreciate your thoughts and comments on how to meet your research needs.



Research Ethics Opportunity

All human research that is conducted by VIHA staff or that involves VIHA facilities, patients, residents, clients, staff or resources requires VIHA ethical approval prior to commencement. The VIHA maintains two Research Ethics Boards (REBs) to provide oversight of all human research conducted in VIHA:

- the Clinical Research Ethics Board (CREB); and
- the Health Research Ethics Board (HREB).

VIHA is seeking REB members who have training and expertise in health research and can make sound judgments on the science and ethics of research proposals involving human subjects. If you are interested in joining one of the research ethics boards or would like more information on how to get involved in research ethics, contact:

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Phone: (250) 519-1879; Website: http://www.viha.ca/rnd/research_ethics.htm

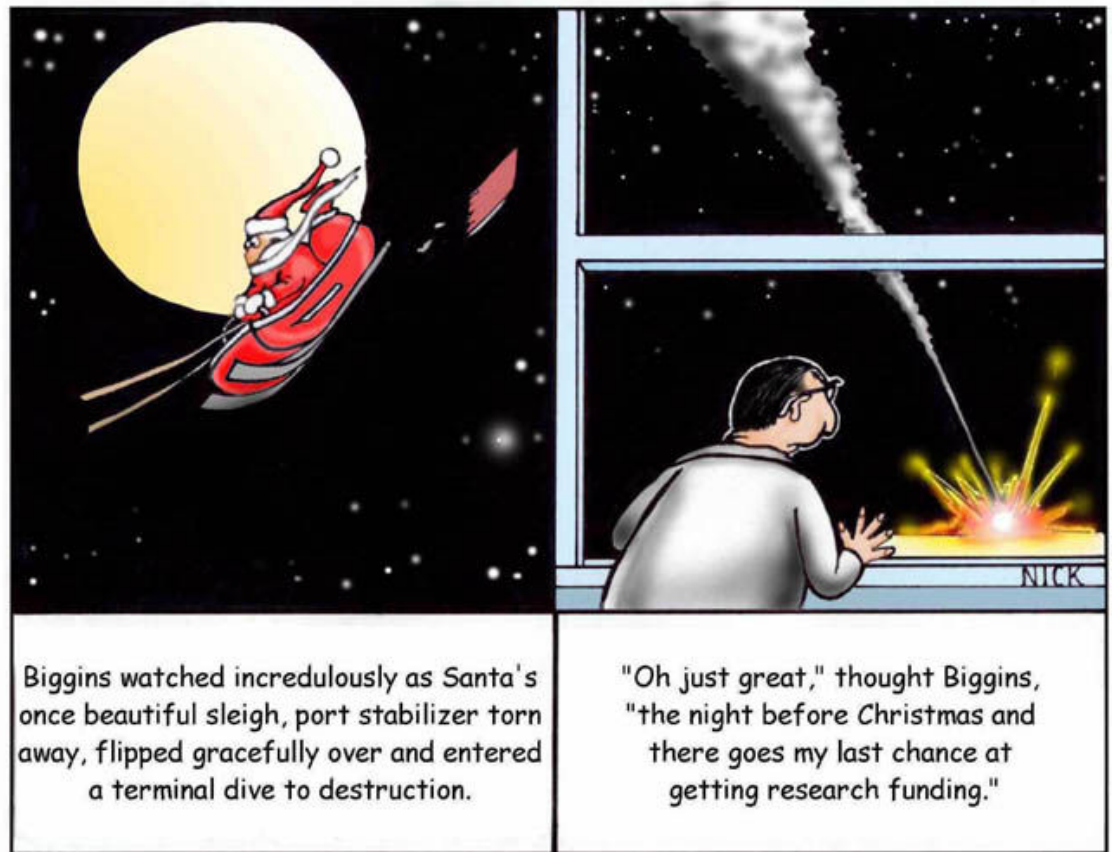
Online Resources

Grant Facilitation – Tips on Grants Writing:

<http://www.research.uvic.ca/Facilitators/Tips.htm>

How to write: http://student.bmj.com/write/how_to.php

Nursing Research Network: <http://www.icn.ch/resnet.htm>



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Upcoming Events

January

*Fireside Chat - Emergency Preparedness -
The Role of Nurses
January 11, 2008 1:00 - 3:00 PM Eastern Time
Registration deadline: 10:00 am Eastern Time

*Fireside Chat - Built Environments -
Infrastructure and Chronic Disease Prevention
January 16, 2008 10:00-1130 AM Eastern
Time Registration deadline: 8:00 AM Eastern
Time

[Researching for Change - 2007 Workshops](#)

Negotiating Ethical Dilemmas
January 17th, 12:30- 2:20pm
UVic MacLaurin D111

*Fireside Chat - Multiple Interventions tool
Kit, January 23, 2008 1:00 - 2:30 PM Eastern
Time Registration deadline: 10:00 am Eastern
Time

*Fireside Chat - National Falls Prevention
Curriculum, January 24, 2008 1:00 - 2:30 PM
Eastern Time Registration deadline:
10:00 am Eastern Time, Advisor on Tap:
Dr Vicky Scott

February

[The 6th World Congress on The Aging Male](#)

February 21-24, 2008
Tampa, Florida

[6th Annual Geriatric Services Conference](#)

February 22, 2008
Vancouver

March

*Fireside Chat - Developing a Community of
Practice for nurses in community settings
March 6, 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Registration
deadline: 10:00 am Eastern Time

[24th Annual Cardiovascular Conference](#)

March 16-20, 2008
Lake Louise

April

[CAPPE 2008 Return to the Garden: Cultivating Growth, Hope and Healing](#)

9 to 12 April 2008
Victoria

[The fifth National Learning Series for Safer Healthcare Now! Building Momentum for the Future: Taking the Next Step in Patient Safety](#)

April 1 & 2, 2008
Winnipeg, Manitoba

[Third National Biennial Conference on Adolescents and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#)

*FASD and Mental Health: The Wisdom of
Practice*
April 10 - 12, 2008
Vancouver

May

[The ICAV Sixth International Symposium](#)

May 4 - 6, 2008
Toronto & Peterborough, Ontario

[Community-University Partnerships: Connecting for Change](#)

May 4-7, 2008
University of Victoria

[1st International Online Medical Conference \(IOMC 2008\)](#)

May 10-11, 2008
Online

[Canadian Congress on Leisure Research \(CCLR 12\)](#)

May 13-16, 2008
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

June

[34th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society](#)

June 2-6, 2008
Victoria

[International Nursing Research Conference](#)

Facing the Challenge of Health Care Systems
in Transition
June 30-July 3, 2008
Jerusalem, Israel

August

[15th International Conference on Cancer Nursing](#)

August 17-21, 2008
Singapore

*Fireside Chats are pan-Canadian discussions
on pressing community health issues, for
community health professionals, via a
simultaneous telephone and Internet
conference. For more information and to
register: go to <http://www.chnet-works.ca/> and
click on Fireside Chats and then the link to the
registration form. Fill in the form and scroll
down to the 'chat' you want to register for, and
scroll down to the bottom of the page to click
submit.

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Untangling Sex and Gender

Supporting Practice and Planning in VIHA

2.5 hour workshop

- Receive a copy of Better Science with Sex and Gender
- Continental breakfast at 9 a.m.

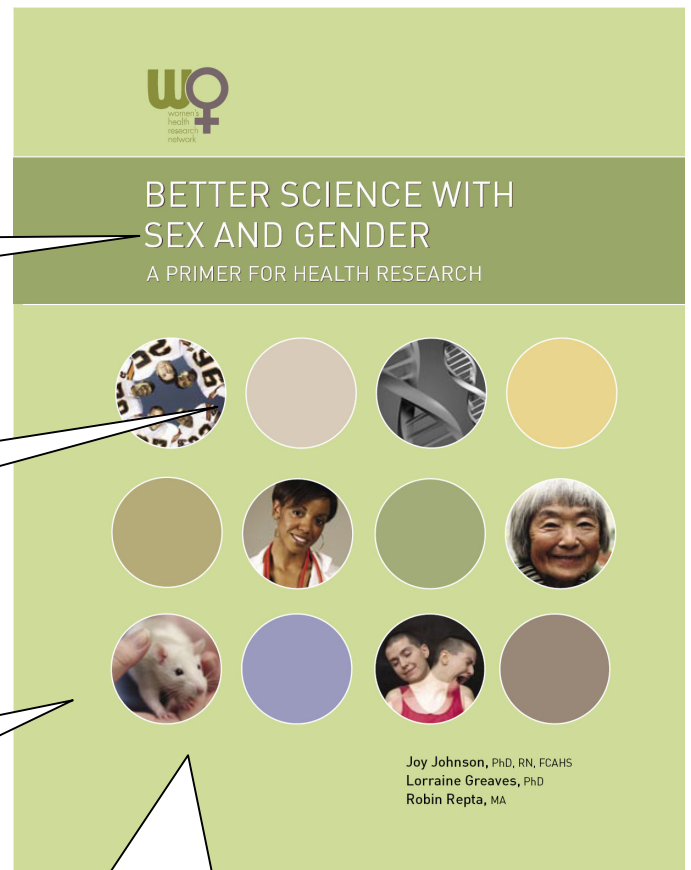
Where: Woodward Room, Begbie Hall, RJH
 When: January 21, 2008
 Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon
 RSVP: Lenora.Marcellus@viha.ca

What's the difference between "sex" and "gender"?

How could someone's gender affect his or her health?

How do I incorporate sex and gender into my research?

Are sex and gender related to my practice?



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