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Research & Academic Development (R&AD)

Do you know where this newsletter is generated? The R&AD office is located in Kenning Wing 1 of the Memorial Pavilion at the Royal Jubilee Hospital Site. This department consists of Clinical Trial Coordinators, Research Ethics Coordinator, Business and Regulatory Affairs Coordinator, and Research Capacity Building Coordinator. Under the Director, Peter Kirk, and Manager, Veronica Morris, R&AD strives to improve the health and wellness of residents on Vancouver Island through conducting, monitoring, and encouraging health services research. This department is poised to expand, as VIHA continues to shift toward a teaching and learning organization. You can find out more about R&AD at <http://www.viha.ca/rnd/>.

This term we are welcoming UVIC 3rd year nursing student, Melissa Walder to our team, as she completes her practicum in Community Empowerment & Health Promotion. Melissa will be contacting people conducting research in VIHA to gather stories for this publication. Please contact us to share your research at cap_building@viha.ca.

Clinical Trial Update

A Randomized Placebo-Controlled Trial of the Efficacy and Tolerability of Flexibly Dosed Pregabalin in the Treatment of Cancer-Induced Bone Pain

Company: Pfizer

Principal Investigator: Dr. Peter Kirk

Co-Investigator: Dr. Fraser Black

Clinical Research Coordinator : Tracy Wong, RRT

Clinical trials are run through the R&AD department at VIHA. The primary objective of this trial is to assess Pregabalin, a Pfizer analgesic, for efficacy in the treatment of cancer-induced bone pain. This trial was developed in April 2006 and began at this site November 2007. It is a multi-site study being conducted in approximately 40 centers in 13 countries worldwide. Overall, there will be 216 (108 subjects in each arm - one arm is Pregabalin and the second arm is a placebo) randomized subjects who will be receiving Pregabalin or a placebo as add-on therapy to standard-of-care opioids. The clinical trials coordinator conducts weekly assessments either in person or by phone, and administers a variety of standardized measures assessing pain, symptom distress,

Message from the Director

The start of a new year brings new beginnings and hopes and for the future. As R&AD continues to grow, we are excited to be engaged with clinicians and researchers throughout VIHA and the academic community, as we all work together to improve the health of Vancouver Island residents.

It is with great joy and hope that I welcome my new grandson, born on January 2nd, 2008. All of us in R&AD, would like to extend to you the very best in this New Year.



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



UVIC Expertise Database

Do you want to make connections with an academic but don't know where to start? UVIC has an on-line expertise database which offers you the opportunity to browse by topic, department, name or keyword. To explore the wealth of expertise that UVIC has to offer, go to <http://communications.uvic.ca/research/>



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Vancouver Island Health Authority Research Translation Network (VIHA-RTN)

VIHA-RTN assists in collaborations between health care professionals, researchers, educators and other health professionals throughout British Columbia who are interested in using or conducting health services. Many who subscribe to this newsletter have done so through membership in this network.

Objectives

- To connect VIHA staff members who are interested in conducting and/or applying practice-based research with like-minded VIHA staff, researchers from post-secondary institutions and other community-based organizations.
- To alert VIHA-RTN members of relevant funding opportunities, upcoming workshops and conferences.
- To become aware of what research is currently being conducted and how it and previous research has been applied to enhance patient care.

If you have research related requests, are looking for collaborations or would like to share your research project to the other members in VIHA-RTN, you will can submit a REQUEST TO NETWORK form, found on the Capacity Building web site at http://www.viha.ca/rnd/capacity_building.htm to cap_building@viha.ca. The Coordinator will review your request and direct it to the appropriate persons.

Online Resources

The selection of appropriate instruments for your research can be challenging. You may find this helpful. Patient Reported Outcomes and Quality of Life Instruments Database:

http://www.qolid.org/proqolid/about_proqolid

For Data Tools and Statistics, browse: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hsrinfo/datasites.html>

Knowledge Translation tool: <http://kuuc.chair.ulaval.ca/ctci/>

Selected Resources on Knowledge Translation:

<http://www.ncddr.org/kt/ktresources.html>

To subscribe/unsubscribe to the newsletter or to suggest a feature or highlight your research, please contact:
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Upcoming Events

February

[Early Years Conference](#)

January 30-February 2, 2008
Vancouver

[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

[5th Annual Forensic Psychiatry Conference](#)

April 2 - 4, 2008
Vancouver

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

April 9 - 12 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

[Canadian Nurse Continence Advisor Association 6th Biennial National Conference](#)

May 2 & 3
Hamilton, Ontario

[21st Annual Research Conference](#)

Celebrating Nursing Research: Past, Present, and Future
May 2, 2008
London, Ontario

Abstract due: March 17, 2008

[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

[12th World Congress on Pain](#)

August 17 - 22, 2008
Glasgow, Scotland

[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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