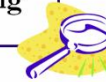


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## New research on medical communication

### Research Capacity Building



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### ***Collaborative decision making in medical consultations:***

**Sara Healing** will be discussing the design, development, and methodology of an ongoing research project. The goal of the research is to (1) videotape and investigate the communication processes that facilitate collaborative decision making. (2) To relate patient evaluations of the decision-making process to specific communication in the actual consultation.

### ***Assessing palliative patients' priorities as well as their symptoms:***

**Christine Tomori** will outline the design of her individualized behavioral assessment, the Victoria Inventory of Symptoms and Activities (VISA) and its use at the Pain and Symptom Management Clinic of the BC Cancer Agency.

Research Rounds is an initiative of the VIHA Capacity Building Office, whose goal is to build research capacity with VIHA health professionals and decision makers, as well as building collaborative links with community, academic partners, other health authorities, and the Ministry of Health.

For more information please see the Capacity Building webpage:  
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