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FIVE DAYS IN

MAY 2023

Five Days in May 2023 is a Wrap! Recordings now online.

This year's provincial health research showcase featured 30 presenters on 5 themes, speaking to over 1500 participants. Catch all the <u>recordings on Vimeo</u>, including:

- Indigenous-Led Research: Fostering Wellness, Strengthening Knowledge
- <u>Determinants of Indigenous Health in Canada: Ongoing Work and Research</u>
 <u>Opportunities</u>
- Advancing Care and Technology to Improve Quality of Life for Seniors
- Climate Change Adaptability: Meeting Risks and Building Resilience
- Mitigating Burnout and Promoting Psychological Health & Safety for Healthcare Providers
- Harm Reduction for Hardly-Reached People and Places
- Closing Forum: Reflections & Connections

Congratulations to a New Crop of Research Seed Grant Winners

Three projects have been awarded Island Health seed grants in the Fall 2022 competition. Each team will receive \$7,500 for their research. Congratulations to:

- Understanding frailty in the Cowichan Valley: a patient-centered approach, awarded to Lina Alsakran (Evaluation Consultant, Cowichan Health & Wellness Plan)
- Laryngectomy Pre-Operative Patient Journey Mapping, awarded to Meara Brown (Speech Language Pathologist)
- Planting the Seeds for a Culturally-Centred Intervention for Indigenous
 Youth with Substance Use Challenges: Adapting the Native Wellness
 Assessment Tool to the Cowichan Valley, awarded to Jennifer MacKenzie
 (MHSU), Andrea Mellor (UVic) and Cecelia Benoit (UVic)



Seed grants provide funding for new and developing Island Health researchers who:

- Engage health professionals in research to support the acquisition of research experience, and to increase competitiveness for external funding;
- Support provision and delivery of care in alignment with Island Health's priorities and Strategic Framework; and
- Have a tangible impact on patient care and building research capacity.



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| A double blind randomized trial of low-dose naltrexone for post-covid fatigue syndrome (PCFS) | Nacul Luis | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| A mixed-methods evaluation of the implementation and effectiveness of a drug checking pilot in British Columbia | Ti Lianping | |
| A Phase 1/2 Study of BMS-986253 in Combination with Nivolumab or Nivolumab plus Ipilimumab in Advanced Cancers | Bernstein Vanessa | Mainly Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital but assessments may occur at any Island Health site |
| A Phase 3, Open-Label Study to Evaluate Safety and Efficacy of Epcoritamab in Combination with Rituximab and Lenalidomide compared to R2 in Subjects with Relapsed or Refractory Follicular Lymphoma | Freeman Ashley | Mainly Royal Jubilee Hospital, Saanich Peninsula Hospital and Victoria General Hospital but assessments may occur at any Island Health site |
| A phase III trial of perioperative versus adjuvant chemotherapy for resectable pancreatic cancer | Bosma Nicholas | Mainly Royal Jubilee Hospital, Saanich Peninsula Hospital and Victoria General Hospital but assessments may occur at any Island Health site |
| A Retrospective Review of An In-Patient Individualized Managed Alcohol Program RAAP Study - Island Health Pharmacy Residency Project 2022 - 2023 | Bali Snimar | Royal Jubilee Hospital Victoria General Hospital Nanaimo General Hospital (NRGH) |
| Advancing Health Equity in the Cancer Care Sector: Identifying Organizational Factors to Support Implementation of Equity-Oriented Healthcare for Older Adults who are Highly Marginalized | Browne Annette | N/A |
| AMPLITUDE ~ A Phase 3 Randomized, Placebo- controlled, Double-blind Study of Niraparib in Combination with Abiraterone Acetate and Prednisone Versus Abiraterone Acetate and Prednisone for the Treatment of Participants with Deleterious Germline or Somatic Homologous Recombination Repair GeneMutated Metastatic Castration-Sensitive Prostate Cancer (mCSPC) | Chi Kim Nguyen | |
| ANAVEX-73 ~ A Phase 2b/3, Double-Blind, Randomised, Placebo-Controlled 48-week Safety and Efficacy trial of ANAVEX2-73 for the Treatment of Early Alzheimer's Disease (AD) | Henri- Bhargava Alexandre | Royal Jubilee Hospital |



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| ASAP-CF ~ Antibiotic Treatment of Staphylococcus Aureus in Stable People with CF | Rayment Jonathan | Victoria General Hospital |
| Assessing hospital pharmacists' readiness to manage opioid use for pain: a survey of knowledge, attitudes and practices among pharmacists in British Columbia acute – care hospitals. | Chernushkin Kseniya | |
| B041843 ~ A Phase III Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter Study Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of GDC-9545 Combine with Palbociclib Compared with Letrozole Combined with Palbociclib I Patient with Estrogen Receptor-Positive, HER2-Negative Locally Advanced or Metastatic Breast Cancer | Kumar Aalok | |
| BC Covid-19 Biobank Network | Knight Darryl | |
| BC GN Registry - The BC Glomerulonephritis Registry: the justification for a provincial registry of patients with Glomerulonephritis. | Barbour Sean | RJH |
| Behavioural Insights Certificate Course Project | Hardisty David | Island Wide |
| Biobank of Predictive biomarkers in genitourinary cancers | Chi Kim Nguyen | |
| BMS IM025017 ~ A Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Parallel-group, Multiple-dose Phase 2 Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of BMS-986263 in Adults with Compensated Cirrhosis from Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH) | Cruz Pereira Oscar | RJH, San Pen |
| British Columbia CARMA-CHIWOS COLLABORATION | Murray Melanie C. | n/a |
| BUENA ~ A randomized Phase IIa, multi-center, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to assess the safety, feasibility, tolerability, and efficacy of a new buccal film of montelukast in patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's Disease | Henri- Bhargava Alexandre | RJH |
| Building Social Media Communications Capacity for Public Health Emergency Response and Preparedness in British Columbia | Byers Kaylee | NA |
| CANVAS Surveillance of Adverse Events Following Immunization among Individuals Immunized with the COVID19 Vaccine | Bettinger Julie | RJH |



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| CC-93538-EE-001 ~ A Phase 3, Multicenter, Multinational, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo- Controlled Induction and Maintenance Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of CC-93538 in Adult and Adolescent Subjects with Eosinophilic Esophagitis | Singh Ranjit Andrew | VGH, RJH |
| Cerebral Palsy: Causes to Prevention - Phase 1: The Canadian Cerebral Palsy Registry - BC Division | Mishaal Ram | QAC |
| Cerevel ~ A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo- Controlled Trial To Evaluate The Safety, Tolerability And Pharmacodynamics of CVL-871 In Subjects With Dementia-Related Apathy (CVL-871-2001) | Henri- Bhargava Alexandre | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| CLiCK in the ICU ~ Control of Line Complications with KiteLock in the Intensive Care Unit | Reynolds Steven | NRGH, RJH |
| Co/Lab ~ A framework for equity-oriented monitoring of substance use and related harms | Urbanoski Karen | |
| COAST-AF ~ Characterization of Arrhythmia Substrate to Ablate Persistent Atrial Fibrillation - A Randomized Clinical Trial | Sikkel Markus | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| COBRA ~ GICRC9: A Phase II/III study of circulating tumor DNA as a predictive biomarker in adjuvant chemotherapy in patients with stage IIA colon cancer | Tsang Briannah | TBD |
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| Daily Experiences and Health Study | Sin Nancy | na |
| DAPA ACT HF-TIMI 68 ~ A multicenter, randomized, double-blind, parallel group, placebo-controlled trial to evaluate the effect of in-hospital initiation of dapagliflozin on clinical outcomes in patients with heart failure with reduced ejection fraction who have been stabilized during hospitalization for acute heart failure | Swiggum Elizabeth | Royal Jubilee Hospital (Island Health) |
| Denosumab for Osteoblastoma | Charest-Morin Raphaele | |
| DESTINY-Breast11 ~ A Phase 3 Open-label Trial of Neoadjuvant Trastuzumab Deruxtecan Monotherapy or T-DXd followed by THP Compared to ddAC-THP in Participants with High-risk HER2-positive Early-stage Breast Cancer | Bernstein Vanessa | Mainly Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital but assessments may occur at any Island Health site |
| Dressage Rider's Experiences with an Online Education and Activation Program Designed to Enhance Equestrian Performance | Duran Leslie | NA |
| ELISA Study ~ Prospective Evaluation of Breast- Conserving Surgery Alone in Low-Risk Ductal Carcinoma in Situ Defined by a Molecular Expression Assay Combined with Clinico-Pathological Features | Shahid Negin | Mainly Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital but assessments may occur at any Island Health site |
| Empact-MI Study ~ Empagliflozin for the prevention of chronic heart failure and mortality after an acute myocardial infarction (1245-0202) | Della Siega Anthony | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| Enhancing rural community resiliency to climate change and ecosystem disruption: Building on the lessons learned from the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic to strengthen rural community health and health services. | Grzybowski Stefan | |
| Evaluation of occupational exposures to illicit drugs at supervised consumption site | Doyle Carina | |
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| EVOKE ~ A randomised double-blind placebo-controlled clinical trial investigating the effect and safety of oral semaglutide in subjects with early Alzheimer's disease (NN6535-4730) | Henri- Bhargava Alexandre | Royal Jubilee Hospital |



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| EVOKE plus ~ A randomised double-blind placebo- controlled clinical trial investigating the effect and safety or oral semaglutide in subjects with early Alzheimer's disease (NN6535-4725) | Henri- Bhargava Alexandre | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| GCO Implementation Science ~ Understanding contextual factors to effectively and equitably scale up GetCheckedOnline to diverse populations and geographic settings | Gilbert Mark | |
| Geography and patient-ascribed ancestry in anti-M hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn. | Morrison Douglas M. | North Island - Courtenay, Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| Hearts in Rhythm Organization National Registry and Bio bank: Improving Detection and Treatment of Inherited Heart Rhythm Disorders to Prevent Sudden Death | Leather Richard | None |
| iCDM $^\sim$ i Chronic Disease Management: Utilization of an interactive Internet-based platform for managing chronic diseases at a distance | Lear Scott | |
| iMETABO ~ Metabolic tracing of tumour and T cells in the ascites of ovarian cancer patients | Lum Julian | |
| IMMU-132-13 ~ A Randomized Open-Label Phase III Study of Sacituzumab Govitecan Versus Treatment of Physician's Choice in Subjects with Metastatic or Locally Advanced Unresectable Urothelial Cancer | Parimi Sunil | Mainly Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital but assessments may occur at any Island Health site |
| IROC ~ Tumor Tissue Repository/Immune Response to Ovarian Cancer and other gynecological Cancers Project and The Ovarian Cancer Immune Epitope Database | Nelson Brad | |
| KEYNOTE-905/EV-303 ~ A Randomized Phase 3 Study Evaluating Cystectomy with Perioperative Pembrolizumab and Cystectomy with Perioperative Enfortumab Vedotin and Pembrolizumab versus Cystectomy Alone in Participants who are Cisplatin- Ineligible or Decline Cisplatin with Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer | Kinahan John | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| Kwiis hen niip – Change: Change for emergency care services in rural and remote Indigenous communities in British Columbia | Christenson Jim | |
| LEFT-HF ~ LEFT Bundle Pacing vs Standard RV Pacing for Heart Failure | Sterns Laurence | Royal Jubilee Hospital |



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| Localized Covid-19 Modelling (LCM)~ Managing the risks of future BC COVID-19 outbreaks using mathematical and statistical modelling. (BoR - UVic) | Cowen Laura | |
| MA.39 ~ A Randomized Trial of Regional Radiotherapy in Biomarker Low Risk Node Positive Breast Cancer | Berrang Tanya | |
| MAGNITUDE ~ A Phase 3 Randomized Study of Niraparib in Combination with Abiraterone Acetate and Prednisone for Treatment of Metastatic Prostate Cancer | Chi Kim Nguyen | |
| Making It Work: Supporting Indigenous Community Approaches to Integrated Service Models for People Living with HIV, Hepatitis C, III Mental Health, and/or Problematic Substance Use | Worthington Catherine | |
| MAP and COVID-19 ~ Managed Alcohol Programs: Implementation and Effectiveness during the COVID-19 Pandemic | Pauly Bernadette | |
| MAVERICK/BRC.8 ~ S1827, MRI Brain Surveillance Alone Versus MRI Surveillance and Prophylactic Cranial Irradiation (PCI): A Randomized Phase III Trial in Small- Lung Cancer | Caon Julianna D. | Mainly Royal Jubilee Hospital and Victoria General Hospital but assessments may occur at any Island Health site |
| MeRmaiD-1 ~ A Phase III, Randomized, Multicenter, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study to Determine the Efficacy of Adjuvant Durvalumab in Combination with Platinum-based Chemotherapy in Completely Resected Stage II-III NSCLC | Poonja Zia | |
| MERMAID-2 ~ A Phase III, Randomized, Multicenter, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study of Durvalumab for the Treatment of Stage II-III NSCLC Patients with Minimal Residual Disease Following Surgery and Curative Intent Therapy | Poonja Zia | RJH, VGH, SPH |
| MK-0482-001 BC Cancer Code: P1TMK0482 ~ A Phase 1b, Open-Label, Dose Escalation Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of MK-0482 as Monotherapy and in Combination with Pembrolizumab in Participants with Advanced/Metastatic Solid Tumors | Renouf Daniel John | |



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| Multicenter LSFF vs LFMT ~ A multi-center, double-blind, randomized study comparing the efficacy of lyophilized sterile fecal filtrate to lyophilized fecal microbiota transplantation in the management of recurrent Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI) | Lee Christine | Royal Jubilee |
| New mothers' thoughts of harm: Prevalence and relation to OCD and child harm | Fairbrother Nichole | VGH |
| OCEAN ~ The Optimal Anticoagulation for Enhanced Risk Patients Post-Catheter Ablation for Atrial Fibrillation Trial | Novak Paul | RJH |
| PASS Full ~ Perinatal anxiety disorders screening study | Fairbrother Nichole | |
| PASS-RCT ~ Screening for perinatal anxiety disorders: A randomized controlled trial | Fairbrother Nichole | Queen Alexandra Centre for Children's Health; Sointula Health Centre |
| Peer engagement in harm reduction: development, implementation and evaluation of best practice guidelines for British Columbia | Buxton Jane | RJH |
| Platon ~ A Randomized Phase III Study of Local Ablative Therapy for Hormone Sensitive Oligometastatic Prostate Cancer | Peacock Michael | |
| POST 7 ~ A Randomized, Prospective, Placebo-Controlled, Crossover Study of Atomoxetine in the Prevention of Vasovagal Syncope | Sterns Laurence | |
| Postpartum Screening for Anxiety and Comorbid Conditions: A Prospective British Columbia Cohort Study | Vidler Marianne | Victoria General Hospital, NRGH |
| PRECISION ~ Preventing Complications from Inflammatory Skin, Joint and Bowel Conditions | Esdaile John | |
| Precision Diagnosis for Indigenous Families with Genetic Conditions (Activity 2 of Silent Genomes: Reducing health care disparities and improving diagnostic success for children with genetic diseases from Indigenous populations) | Arbour Laura | VGH |
| PRECLUDE ~ Phase 3 Multicenter, Randomized, Double- blind, Placebo-controlled Study of BOTOX for the Prevention of Migraine in Subjects with Episodic Migraine (M21-307) | Graboski Corrie | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| Preventing OD CRISIS ~ Preventing Opioid Deaths due to COVID Related Increase in Smoking Illicit Substances | Moe Jessica | |
| PRIMP Study ~ Scaling up PrEP for HIV Prevention: Optimizing strategies for targeting and delivering PrEP to MSM in British Columbia and Ontario | Hull Mark | |



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| Prioritization of Hospital Pharmacist Clinical Services in British Columbia | Dahri Karen | Island Wide |
| Profiling granzymes in inflammatory neuromuscular diseases | Granville David | |
| PROSPECT-2 ~ Interventional, randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of IV eptinezumab in adolescents for the preventive treatment of chronic migraine (19356A) | Wambera Katherine | Victoria General Hospital MDC and RJH Clinical Research Clinic |
| PROTRACT ~ PROstate Cancer TReatment Optimization via Analysis of Circulating Tumour DNA: A Randomized Phase II Trial Comparing Biomarker Directed Therapy Versus Clinician's Choice of Enzalutamide or Docetaxel in Paitents with Advanced Prostate Cancer Post Abiraterone | Chi Kim Nguyen | |
| PUNCH OPEN LABEL ~ A Phase 3 Open-Label Clinical Study to Evaluate the Safety and Tolerability of Rebiotix RBX2660 in Subjects with Recurrent Clostridium difficile Infection | Lee Christine | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| Quadruple Aim and Resource Allocation: Supporting and Accelerating Prevention in the Vancouver Island Health Authority Region | Mitton Craig | no direct hospital involvement |
| RAFT-AF Extend ~ A Randomized Ablation-based atrial Fibrillation rhythm-control versus rate-control Trial in patients with heart failure and high-burden Atrial Fibrillation Extend | Sterns Laurence | |
| Ratios II ~ Further Defining Optimal Pharmacist to Patient Ratios to Ensure Comprehensive Patient Care in Medical or Surgical Units across BC Hospitals | Legal Gregory Michael | All hospital sites |
| REFINE-ICD ~ Risk Estimation Following Infarction, Non-invasive Evaluation-ICD efficacy | Sterns Laurence | RJH |
| REVISE Trial ~ Re-EValuating the Inhibition of Stress Erosions and prophylaxis against gastrointestinal bleeding in the critically ill (CCT38473) | Ovakim Daniel | RJH, VGH |
| Risk mitigation and peer support for people who use substances during dual public health emergencies | Pauly Bernadette | RJH; Rapid Access Addictions Clinics |
| RPM-CIED: ICD ~ Remote Patient Management for Cardiac Implantable Electronic Devices: ICD | Sterns Laurence | Pacemaker Clinics as needed for AEs ; largely outside of hospital |
| RT CHARM ~ Phase III Randomized Trial of Hypofractionated Post Mastectomy Radiation with Breast Reconstruction A221505 (CCTG MAC23/BCCA Code: BRMA23RT) | Shahid Negin | |
| SABR-COMET-10 ~ A Randomized Phase III Trial of Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy for the Comprehensive Treatment of 4-10 Oligometastatic Tumors | Olson Robert | |



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| SABR-COMET-3 ~ Phase III Randomized Controlled Trial and Economic Evaluation of Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy for Comprehensive Treatment of Oligometastatic Cancer | Olson Robert | |
| SHARE STUDY $^{\sim}$ A qualitative study of patient and provider perspectives on overcoming barriers to HIV care and retention. (BoR - PHC) | Moore David | |
| SKYSCRAPER-03 ~ A Phase III, Open-Label Randomized, Study of Atezolizumab and Tiregolumab Compared with Durvalumab in Patient with Locally Advanced, Unresectable Stage III Non-small Cell Lung Cancer who have not Progressed after Concurrent Platimun-based Chemoradiation (GO41854) | Poonja Zia | |
| SMART ~ Small Annuli Randomized to Evolut or SAPIEN Trial | Della Siega Anthony | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| SMART: Randomized Controlled Trial ~ Self-management for amputee rehabilitation using technology program: a peer supported mHealth approach for rehabilitation after lower limb amputation | Miller William | |
| SPEAK R3 ~ BC COVID-19 SPEAK (Survey on Population Experiences, Action and Knowledge): Your Story, Our Future – R3 | Sandhu Jat | N/A |
| SPRINT-SARI ~ Short PeRiod IncideNce sTudy of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection | Murthy Srinivas | |
| STOP ~ Sterotactic Radiotherapy for Oilgo-Progressive Metastatic Cancers: A randomized phase II trial | Schellenberg Devin | |
| STOP-GAP ~ A Randomized Phase III Study of Duration of Anti-PD-A Therapy in Metastatic Melanoma (ME-13) | Bernstein Vanessa | |
| SyncAV Post-Market Trial | Sterns Laurence | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| Team Mapping in the Context of Team-Based Primary Care | Price Morgan | |
| The Impact of Long QT syndrome | Arbour Laura | VGH |
| The NODE-301 Trial ~ Multi-Centre, Randomized, Double- Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Efficacy, and Safety Study of Etripamil Nasal Spray for the Termination of Spontaneous Episodes of Paroxysmal Supraventricular Tachycardia | Sterns Laurence | |
| The PREVENT-COVID Study: PRospEctiVe EvaluatioN of immuniTy after COVID-19 vaccines | Sadarangani Manish | Royal Jubilee Hospital |
| The RESPCCT Study ~ Research Examining the Stories of Pregnancy of and Childbearing in Canada Today | Vedam Saraswathi | Island-wide |
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| The SUPPORT Study ~ Effectiveness and Usability of a Web- Enabled Resource for Postpartum Mental Health | Brotto Lori | |
| Use of Corticosteroids for Complex Regional Pain Syndrome: A Cross Canada Survey of Physician Practice Patterns | Winston Paul | |
| Using a virtual care platform to deliver peer-led mental health support to rural and remote communities in BC: A randomized wait-list controlled trial of the REACHOUT intervention | Tang Tricia | North Island, Duncan Regional, Port McNeill, Nanaimo Regional General, West Coast General, Royal Jubilee |
| Validating administrative health data | Liauw Jessica | |
| WATCH Project ~ We All Take Care of the Harvest: Safe and secure harvesting of marine foods in a changing climate | Waters Shannon | |
| What Patients Want – A Qualitative Study on Patients' Perspectives on Optimizing the Hospital Discharge Process | Dahri Karen | |