

ANNOUNCEMENT

Drs. Nick Bansback and David Whitehurst join the BC SUPPORT Unit as scientific co-leads

Vancouver, BC (March 22nd, 2017) – The BC SUPPORT Unit is delighted to announce that Drs. Nick Bansback and David Whitehurst are the new Methods Cluster Co-Leads for Health Economics and Simulation Modelling, effective April 1st, 2017.

Dr. Bansback is seconded (0.1 FTE) to the Unit from the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia (UBC), where he is an Assistant Professor. Among many affiliations, he is the Program Head of Decision Sciences at the Centre for Health Evaluation & Outcomes Sciences (CHÉOS), one of the core partner organizations of the BC SUPPORT Unit. Dr. Bansback holds a PhD in health economics from the University of Sheffield (UK), and completed his postdoctoral training at UBC. Currently a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) New Investigator, Dr. Bansback's research is focused on using decision science to maximize the value patients and the public gain from health care.

Dr. Whitehurst is seconded (0.1 FTE) to the Unit from the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University (SFU). He is an economist who has specialized in the areas of health and health care throughout his career. Prior to his appointment as Assistant Professor at SFU, he held research positions at UBC, and at the Universities of Birmingham and Keele in the UK. Dr. Whitehurst is also an Associate Scientist at the Centre for Clinical Epidemiology & Evaluation (C2E2), a core partner organization to the BC SUPPORT Unit. His current research is focused on the assessment of quality of life in the context of economic evaluation, and he works across a broad range of clinical areas, including spinal cord injury and care for seniors.

Both individuals bring diverse health research experience to the Unit, and have accepted the part-time leadership positions with enthusiasm and commitment. Their backgrounds and qualifications will bring invaluable knowledge to their role as leaders in British Columbia's patient-oriented research community.

The BC SUPPORT (Support for People and Patient-Oriented Research and Trials) Unit is a multi-partner organization created to support, streamline and increase patient-oriented research throughout BC. The Unit is one of ten SUPPORT Units established across the country as part of Canada's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) led by the CIHR.

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