

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Leanne Currie joins the BC SUPPORT Unit as a scientific lead

Vancouver, BC (March 22nd, 2017) – The BC SUPPORT Unit is delighted to announce that Dr. Leanne Currie is their new Methods Cluster Lead for Data Sciences, effective April 1st, 2017.

Dr. Currie is seconded (0.2 FTE) to the Unit from the University of British Columbia's School of Nursing. Her research focuses on the thoughtful application of information communication technologies in health care; this technology supports patients and their families by improving access and ensuring they get the best care they can. She is particularly interested in how design can support the effective re-use of data to support patient and clinician decision making.

Prior to joining the BC SUPPORT Unit, Dr. Currie collaborated with Vancouver Coastal Health in areas of student practice education, clinical education and guidelines for treating Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. Her work helped to improve the coordination of nursing students' clinical training programs within the Lower Mainland.

Dr. Currie has received more than \$11.8 million worth of grant funding in research projects from organizations such as the Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and the Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute, National Science and Engineering Research Council & the US National Institutes of Health. She presents her findings to international audiences and is routinely published in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr. Currie brings valuable health research experience to the Unit. Her background and qualifications in the field of nursing and biomedical informatics will bring unique insights to her role as a leader 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 Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

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