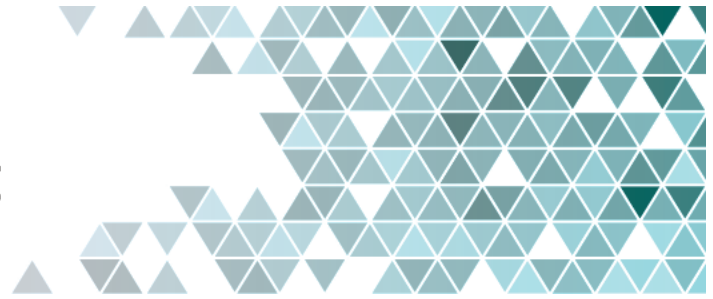


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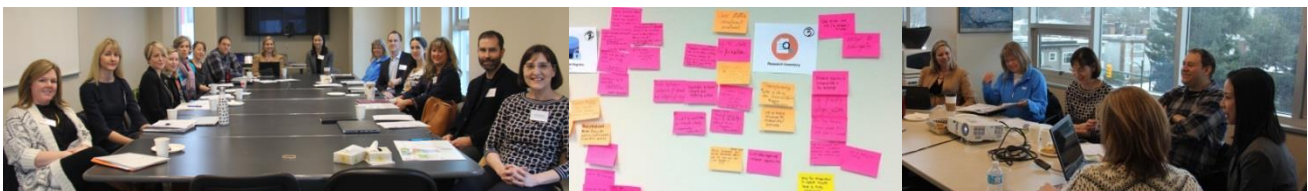
APRIL 2017 UPDATE

WE HAVE A NEW PROJECT NAME! We are pleased to announce the new name of the demonstration project as the BC Health Research Connection Project (formerly known as Permission to Contact). The new name was chosen to better suit the project's goal of building a Provincial Platform to connect patients and public to health research opportunities meaningful to them.



Key accomplishments to date:

- Established a project Working Group composed of a multidisciplinary team of patients, community members and research professionals from across BC.
- Held a kick off planning meeting for the Working Group in February 2017 to discuss project objectives, gather initial project requirements and identify appropriate stakeholders to be engaged.
- Initial engagement with subject matter experts from the Health Information Privacy and Security Operations Committee, IMITS, and Population Data BC about the project's requirements.



Working Group Kick Off and Planning Meeting in Vancouver, BC.

Upcoming project planning activities:

- Planning upcoming stakeholder consultation events across BC in June for patients/public and the health research community
- Discussions with health authorities/BC SUPPORT Unit regional centres and research groups on creating a complementary streamlined process for the patient/public and researchers using the Platform
- Continued engagement with subject matter experts

Stay Connected! Please contact Stefanie Cheah, Project Manager at Stefanie.cheah@vch.ca for any questions, comments and to receive future project updates.