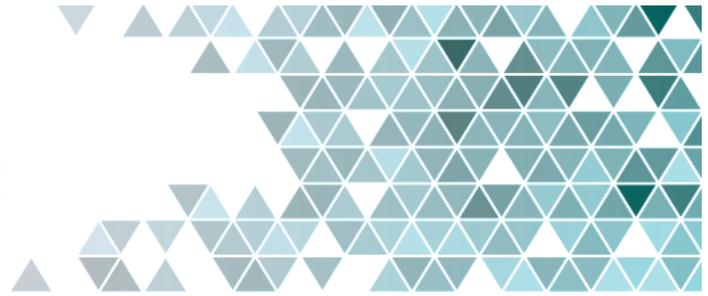


BC Health Research Connection Project



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Public provide feedback on display boards and through discussion groups at the Vancouver Community Dialogue.

Community Engagement Summary

This summer, the BC Health Research Connection Project held community dialogues with patients and members of the public to help update and refine the project requirements. Approximately 117 people attended the 4 events in Vancouver (Marpole and BC Children’s Hospital), Surrey, and Victoria.

Connecting Patients and the Public to Health Research Opportunities

Community dialogue participants provided feedback on the following proposed process for **patients/public**:



1. Visit new website to find health research opportunities.



2. Sign up to receive notifications of research opportunities by creating a profile account.



3. Provide contact information, demographic information, and select research categories that you are interested in (e.g. diabetes, breast cancer, child health etc.).



4. Receive e-mail notification of matched research opportunities.



5. Read about opportunity and decide whether you want to learn more.



6. If you agree, your personal information is shared with the researcher for additional follow up (e.g. pre-screening for eligibility).

What We Heard

- Design a clear and simple **user-friendly** website.
- Provide the relevant **information** (e.g. about the research opportunity and researcher) to help make decisions.
- Give **control** over preferences and **options** on when and how research connections are made.
- Ensure **privacy** is respected throughout the experience
- Explain why the research is **applicable** and why it's important.
- **93%** of total dialogue participants would sign up for notifications of research opportunities.



Researchers looking for participants:

We invite you to provide your input!

Please help us by completing a brief survey to select categories that would best describe research projects in your field. Volunteers (i.e. patients, public) will select from these research categories to find research opportunities to participate in.

For survey access, please e-mail [Stefanie Cheah](mailto:Stefanie.Cheah).

Key Accomplishments to Date

- Collaboration with the BC SUPPORT Unit Regional Centres in the planning of the community dialogues.
- An information webinar was held for researchers and coordinators with over 120 attendees representing 29 organizations. 66% of webinar attendees said they would very likely or likely use the website to share their research opportunity.

Upcoming Project Activities

- Additional community engagement meetings in the Interior and Northern regions with a focus on the indigenous communities.
- Working with web developer and PopDataBC to plan information architecture, design, and integration.
- Designing detailed researcher procedures with pilot sites and working group.

Moving Forward

Planning, stakeholder and public engagement will continue while the project begins the design and development phase.



Stay Connected

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