

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Erin Michalak joins the BC SUPPORT Unit as Patient Engagement Methods Clusters Lead

Vancouver, BC (August 22nd, 2017) – The BC SUPPORT Unit is delighted to announce that Dr. Erin Michalak is their new Methods Cluster Lead for Patient Engagement, effective September 1st, 2017.

Dr. Michalak, a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia (UBC), will commit 0.2 FTE (Full-Time Equivalent, which corresponds to one day per week) to this Methods Cluster Lead role.

Dr. Michalak's background is in psychology, with a PhD awarded from the University of Wales College of Medicine in the UK. Her research expertise lies in patient-engagement in research, Community-Based Participatory Research, knowledge translation, bipolar disorder, quality of life, eHealth/mHealth and implementation science.

Dr. Michalak brings valuable health research experience to the Unit. Her research has been well supported by organizations such as the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research. She is the founder and leader of the Collaborative REsearch Team for the study of psychosocial issues in Bipolar Disorder (CREST.BD, crestbd.ca), a CIHR-funded Canadian network dedicated to collaborative research and knowledge exchange in bipolar disorder, and Program Director for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Digital Hub for Mental Health. Additionally, she has published more than 100 scientific articles and several books and book chapters.

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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