

Announcement: BC SUPPORT Unit announces five P2P Award Recipients for 2018

Vancouver, BC (January 8th, 2018) – The BC SUPPORT (Support for People and Patient-Oriented Research and Trials) Unit is delighted to announce the recipients of the first P2P (Pathway to Patient-Oriented Research) Awards, designed to build and strengthen capacity for patient-oriented research in BC.

Offered in partnership with the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR), which provided expertise in program development and award administration services, the P2P Awards provide up to \$20,000 to support BC-based health research teams in answering questions specifically related to the feasibility or piloting of future patient-oriented research projects.

In the award's inaugural year, five research teams from across BC have been awarded funding to conduct pilot or feasibility studies for these diverse projects:

2018 P2P Award recipients

Steps towards an evidence-based exercise intervention in patients with multiple sclerosis

- Researcher co-lead: Dr. Jodie Gawryluk
- Patient co-lead: Ms. Laureen Harrison
- Host institution: University of Victoria

Midwife-assisted, online cognitive behaviour therapy for fear of childbirth

- Researcher co-lead: Dr. Nichole Fairbrother
- Patient co-lead: Dr. Melanie O'Neill
- Host institution: University of British Columbia

RAISE (Raising Infants to be Smart Eaters) pilot study

- Researcher co-lead: Dr. Ilona Hale
- Patient co-lead: Ms. Megan Purcell
- Host institution: Interior Health Authority

Quality indicators for joint replacement rehabilitation: Testing feasibility and agreement for data collection methods

- Researcher co-lead: Dr. Marie Westby
- Patient co-lead: Ms. Cheryl Koehn
- Host institution: University of British Columbia

Determining the feasibility of a medical respite intervention study for older homeless patients in Vancouver, BC

- Researcher co-lead: Dr. Andrew Wister
- Patient co-lead: Ms. Chris Danielsen
- Host institution: Simon Fraser University

The BC SUPPORT Unit thanks all applicants for their interest in the P2P Awards, and congratulates the successful recipient teams.

For more information about the P2P Awards, please visit the BC SUPPORT Unit's P2P webpage (<http://bcsupportunit.ca/p2p-awards/>) or email info@bcsupportunit.ca.

The BC SUPPORT 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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