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Patient partners changing health care for the better in the North

Patient partners provide the patient perspective to health organizations, playing a crucial role in today's health care.

We've all had experience interacting with the health care system. Patient partners take those experiences and bring their suggestions to help improve the care that people receive.

In the North and throughout the province, patient partners are recruited through the [Patient Voices Network \(PVN\)](#). PVN promotes a variety of opportunities to work with health agencies that volunteers can sign up for offering the patient perspective.

In an effort to increase awareness about the important role patient partners play and to highlight the relationship between PVN and Northern Health (NH) Daniel Ramcharran, Communications Advisor at Northern Health, in collaboration with Patient Voices Network member [Cathy Almost](#), engaged past NH patient partners to highlight their experience and impact on health care in the North.

The following NH patient partner stories have been published:

<https://stories.northernhealth.ca/stories/patient-partners-changing-health-care-better-rita-wiebe>

<https://stories.northernhealth.ca/stories/patient-partners-changing-health-care-better-roxanne-chmelyk>

Learn more about how you can [become a patient partner today!](#)

UNBC Health Research Seminar Series: Dr. Dave Snadden

October 22nd, 2020 | [Dr. Dave Snadden](#) | Professor, NMP

2:30pm - 4:00pm | Zoom

Title: The Rural Coordination Centre of BC Site Visits Project - an exercise in advocacy for rural health systems change through rural community engagement and the gathering and analysis of massive amounts of qualitative data.

Please visit the [HRI website](#) for webinar login information, future presentations, as well as links to view past presentations.

The goal of the Health Research Seminar Series is to offer a regular place for students and faculty to engage in discussions about current health research from across all programs and campuses of UNBC. To ensure everyone can access the presentations, each session will be broadcast via Zoom and recordings and the PowerPoint from the presenters will be posted on the HRI website.

Hold the date: BC Rural Health Research Exchange—November 18, 2020

Join us for this FREE virtual half-day webinar and find out what's happening in BC rural research!

The inaugural BC Rural Health Research Exchange (BCRHRX) is designed to inform, engage and share current rural research in British Columbia.

2020 BCRHRX also provides an opportunity to engage patient/indigenous/community partners to identify current rural research gaps, to collaborate, and to co-produce future research directions.

Call for Presenters

Are you working on a research project that benefits rural BC? Consider presenting at 2020 BCRHRX! This event will feature brief, rapid-style presentations from researchers, Indigenous/community/patient partners, and interested individuals.

Full details and sign up will be posted at rccbc.ca/bcrhrx on September 30, 2020.

Putting Patients First Conference: Connecting Face to Face in Virtual Space

British Columbia's only patient-oriented research conference.

#PPF20 will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 using a virtual platform with a pre-conference networking evening on October 7. **Registration is free and required to access Zoom rooms (presenters are automatically registered).** PPF20 will be recorded and available on our YouTube channel later.

Registered? [Login to attend the conference:](#)

1. Click 'My Account'
2. Enter the email address you used to register. You will see a message that states 'Success! Please check your e-mail for login instructions.'
3. Check your email for a link that allows you to automatically login.

This email will come from 'noreply@secure-platform.com'.

o It will have a subject line of 'Login Link for Your Conference'.

Registered and need help with getting into the conference? [Here's an attendee guide for that.](#)

Presenting and need help? [Here's a speaker guide for that.](#)

Program: the conference program summary is available [here as a .pdf](#). Full details are available on Open-Water's site, our partner in delivering this virtual conference, [available here](#).

Questions? [Contact us](#).

Upcoming Indigenous Health Conference: Building Our Future

Registration is now open for the 2020 Indigenous Health Conference (IHC), hosted by the University of Toronto.

This year's conference will be held from **December 3-5, 2020** and is now offered completely online.

Visit the [conference website](#) for more information and to [register](#).

Contact Information

For more information, contact the Northern Centre by [email](#) or visit our [website](#).

