UBC Nursing led team tapped by Health Canada to evaluate a new COVID-19 self-screening test

UBC is launching a new COVID-19 rapid testing clinic for any students living in residence and other select groups living and working on the Vancouver campus.

The UBC clinical and research lead Dr. Sabrina Wong, a UBC Nursing and Centre for Health Services and Policy Research professor, is optimistic that
clinical trials of self-testing kits like the new Roche SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Nasal Test are providing more tools to help British Columbia re-open safely.

Key members of the UBC School of Nursing team include Dr. Kirsten Haase, Dr. Emmanuela Ojukwu, Frances Affleck, nursing students Erica Tobias and Innocent Ndateba, and staff member, Klara Hill.

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Nurses' COVID-19 experiences

Explore the Nurses Photovoice study featured in BC Nurses' Union Update magazine, which illuminates British Columbia nurses’ accounts of living through the pandemic.

"It is vital that we listen to and learn from [frontline providers'] experiences as we work to strengthen our healthcare system", notes researcher Agnes Black, Director, Health Services & Clinical Research and Knowledge Translation, Providence Health Care, and UBC School of Nursing Adjunct Professor.
UBC School of Nursing Graduation Receptions

Students, Staff, Faculty and Guests joined in an online celebration of the convocation of the UBC School of Nursing Classes of 2021.

Watch the 2021 Graduation Receptions webcast on June 2, 2021.

Getting upstream to prevent male suicide

The UBC Reducing Male Suicide Research Excellence Cluster presents: Getting upstream to prevent male suicide facilitated by Dr. John Oliffe, professor and CRC in Men’s Health Promotion.

Date: June 16, 2021

To Register
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Christine Ou

Congratulations to UBC Nursing doctorate recipient Christine Ou.

A recipient of UBC's Public Scholar award, Christine worked with the Pacific Post Partum Support Society to develop an evidence-based workshop about parental sleep and ways to improve infant and parental sleep to parents. Her research investigated anger as an overlooked feature of postnatal mood disorders. Her doctoral dissertation supervisor was Dr. Wendy Hall.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Yenlinh Chung

For UBC Nursing Master of Health Leadership and Policy (MHLP) in Clinical Education alumna Yenlinh Chung, 2020 was a transformational year.

Completing an MHLP was key to enabling her to confidently advance into a new leadership position where she's applying her skills in evidence-based practice, communication and change management.

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Gender-Diverse Report

Gender-Diverse: A Spotlight on the Health of Trans and Non-Binary Young People in B.C. provides a profile of the health of gender-diverse youth in British Columbia. The report, led by Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc, uses data from the 2018 BC Adolescent Health Survey (BC AHS), which is one of the most reliable, comprehensive health surveys of adolescents ages 12–19 in public schools in BC.

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Black (in)Visibility

The UBC School of Nursing’s Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry is pleased to share the link to the recording for the panel dialogue titled, Black (in)Visibility: Black Nurses in Canada who Paved the Way via UBC Open Collections.

The panel discussion was held in February 2021 for Black History Month to recognize the significant contributions of Black nurses to health care in BC and Canada.

Watch Now

PUBLICATIONS

* denotes UBC Nursing trainees & alumni
Challenging the Stereotypes: Unexpected Features of Sexual Exploitation among Homeless and Street-Involved Boys in Western Canada
*International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*
Elizabeth Saewyc, Sneha Shankar, Lindsay Pearce, Annie Smith

‘They talked completely about straight couples only’: schooling, sexual violence and sexual and gender minority youth
*Sex Education*
Margaret MacAulay*, M. Ybarra, Elizabeth Saewyc, T.Richard Sullivan, L. Jackson & Shannon Millar

EDITORIAL: Legal regulation as a human right and public health approach to currently prohibited substances
*International Journal on Drug Policy*
Emily Jenkins, S. Bernstein, D. MacPherson, M. Tyndall

MEDIA COVERAGE

Success of UBC rapid testing pilot ignites calls for expanded use
Of more than 3,500 voluntary rapid tests done at UBC's Orchard Commons residences, 25 asymptomatic students tested positive for the virus. Researcher Dr. Sabrina Wong says Vancouver Coastal Health staff were then able to identify six clusters of the virus and tell people to isolate, preventing further outbreaks in student housing.

CBC

UBC rapid testing pilot project detects COVID-19 cases in asymptomatic people
UBC Nursing professor Dr. Sabrina Wong spoke about the success of UBC’s COVID-19 rapid testing pilot project.
Could you one day take a test at home for COVID-19? UBC clinical trial looks at self-administered rapid test

A clinical trial underway at UBC aims to determine whether it’s feasible for people to self-administer a rapid test for the virus. UBC School of Nursing professor and lead researcher Dr. Sabrina Wong said depending on their findings, the test could seek approval to potentially allow use by the general public.

UBC launches 13-week COVID-19 test clinic and trial for students and others on campus

UBC has launched a 13-week COVID-19 rapid testing clinic for students and a select group of people living and working on campus. The clinic will be studying the viability of self-administered Roche SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Antigen Test Kits, which if effective has the potential to be used in a number of settings and by the public says lead researcher Dr. Sabrina Wong.

UBC launches COVID rapid testing for asymptomatic on-campus students, staff

B.C.’s largest university will be offering asymptomatic rapid COVID-19 tests to students living in residence and other groups that live and work on the Vancouver campus. Dr. Sabrina Wong, a UBC Nursing and Centre for Health Services and Policy Research professor, said that if the clinical trial results show the self-swab test is effective, it could be used more widely across the country.

UBC team calls for more widespread use of COVID-19 rapid testing

UBC Nursing professor Dr. Sabrina Wong discussed a pilot study that suggests COVID-19 rapid testing is effective in targeting asymptomatic patients and the scenarios in which the testing would be most effective.
UBC launches COVID-19 rapid testing clinic for students, others on campus

UBC is launching a new COVID-19 rapid testing clinic for any students living in residence and other select groups living and working on the Vancouver campus. The team is also collecting data to determine the viability of self-administered rapid COVID-19 testing technology says the study’s lead researcher Dr. Sabrina Wong.

COVID-19: Nursing school applications on rise, but B.C. doesn’t have spaces, staff to teach them all

Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc, director and professor at UBC’s School of Nursing, was quoted about the increasing demand from prospective students for UBC’s nursing program.

B.C.’s gender-diverse teens 6x more likely to experience ‘extreme stress’: UBC study

New research led by UBC Nursing professor Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc showed that family and social supports can make a huge difference in the health of transgender and non-binary teens. Study co-author Dr. Annie Smith, McCreary's executive director and an adjunct professor at UBC, was quoted.

New report first to highlight experiences of gender-diverse youth in B.C. schools

B.C.’s gender-diverse youth continue to face significant bullying and harassment, but a new UBC report underlines how social supports like
strong school and family relationships make a significant impact on their well-being.  
UBC News

UBC report: strong school and family ties buffer gender-diverse teens from bullying and hostility
UBC Nursing professor Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc discussed her study that showed strong school and family support makes a significant impact on gender-diverse teens’ well-being. 
Spice Radio

Former regional health director denies knowing of racism at Joliette hospital
UBC School of Nursing professor Dr. Annette Browne says it is important that establishments acknowledge systemic racism is an issue that affects the medical care Indigenous people receive. 
CBC

Nurses’ mental health
UBC nursing professor Dr. Naz Havaei spoke about the mental health crisis among nurses during the pandemic with podcast host Keven Frankish. 
The Happy Molecule

Cases of PTSD rising amid COVID-19 pandemic, says Canadian Mental Health Association
UBC Nursing researcher Dr. Naz Havaei looked into the impact of COVID-19 on nurses and found that 47 per cent of those surveyed reported worrisome rates of PTSD. 
News 1130

COVID trauma, burnout, stress rising among critical care nurses: study
A report by researchers from UBC’s School of Nursing, University of Ottawa and Fraser Health Authority says at least half of critical care nurses have
experienced psychological distress associated with providing care to COVID-19 patients during the early phases of the pandemic. 

Glacier Media via Business in Vancouver, New West Record, Tri-City News, Delta Optimist, Prince George Citizen

Suicidal thoughts remain high among Canadians during pandemic

“The pandemic has been incredibly hard for many people,” said Dr. Emily Jenkins, the lead researcher and a UBC nursing professor who studies mental health and substance use. “There has been significant loss – of loved ones, of connection, of feelings of security. This can contribute to very challenging emotions and it is important to acknowledge and process.”

Business in Vancouver

How are we feeling? Canadians are worried, bored, stressed, lonely and sad

The pandemic is taking an emotional toll on people in Canada, as 77% of adults report feeling so-called negative emotions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic according to the third round of data from the Assessing the Impacts of COVID-19 on Mental Health national monitoring survey released by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) in partnership with UBC lead researcher Dr. Emily Jenkins.

Financial Post

Les effets de la pandémie sur la santé mentale persistent, révèle un sondage

"Parler de nos émotions et de nos expériences avec nos proches peut aider à surmonter ce moment qui est difficile", soutient de son côté Emily Jenkins.

Radio-Canada, Le Soleil

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