



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Applied Science  
School of Nursing

# NURSING MATTERS



## Rapid COVID-19 Screening Tests at UBC Orchard Commons

The UBC School of Nursing is taking a lead in delivering and evaluating a pilot project to provide rapid COVID-19 screening tests at UBC. Students and staff who live or work in first-year residence (Orchard Commons and hørmløsørn House in Totem Park) are eligible to participate in this project between February 9 and April 8, 2021.

This voluntary initiative is a collaboration between the Federal and Provincial Governments, Providence Health Care, Vancouver Coastal Health, UBC's School of Nursing, Safety & Risk Services, and Student Housing and Community Services.



*“In addition to screening first year residents, UBC nursing students are learning about program planning and delivering a pop-up health screening program,”*  
says [Professor Elsie Tan](#).

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## UBC Research Excellence Clusters Funded in 2021/22

UBC funded 35 Research Excellence Clusters in 2021/22 including 11 clusters in the second year of their current award. Emerging clusters receive up to \$100,000 for a one- or two-year project term, while established clusters receive up to \$200,000.

**Transformative Health and Justice** (*New Established Cluster*)  
Cluster Lead: [Dr. Helen Brown](#)

**Advancing Mental Health Equity in a post-COVID-19 Asia-Pacific**  
(*New Emerging Cluster*)  
Cluster Member: [Dr. Sabrina Wong](#)

**Women's Health Research Cluster** (*2nd Year - Emerging Cluster*)  
Cluster Co-Lead: [Dr. Suzanne Campbell](#)

**Reducing Male Suicide** (*2nd Year - Emerging Cluster*)  
Cluster Lead: [Dr. John Oliffe](#)

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## MSFHR Knowledge Translation

Congratulations to the UBC Nursing recipients of the MSFHR Convening & Collaborating (C<sup>2</sup>) Awards and Reach Awards:

- [Dr. Farinaz Havaei](#), [Dr. Maura MacPhee](#), [Dr. Alison Phinney](#), and team: *A collaborative project to explore COVID-19 rapid redesign and redeployment best practices and their uptake in British Columbia long-term care sector*
- [Dr. Emily Jenkins](#), [Dr. Wendy Hall](#), and team: *Reimagining perinatal mental health services: Collaborative development of an integrated model of care*
- [Dr. Sally Thorne](#), [Dr. Leah Lambert](#), [Dr. Annette Browne](#), [Dr. Fuchsia Howard](#), and team: *Planning to enhance capacity for equity-oriented cancer care in BC*
- [Dr. Fuchsia Howard](#) and team: *Sex, Pain & Endometriosis: Promoting Awareness Of A New Evidence-Based Patient-Centered Website*

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## CIHR Project Funding

Congratulations to UBC Nursing assistant professor, [Dr. Saima Hirani](#), the co-PI on a CIHR Project Grant, ***Short and Long term impact of COVID-19 on mental health and well-being of health workers in Pakistan***, which will receive \$302,175 over 2.5 years.

As COVID-19 continues to spread, there is growing concern about its impact in low-and middle-income countries like Pakistan where the impact could be extreme given its fragile economy, limited healthcare resources, widespread poverty, gender inequality, and poor health outcomes.

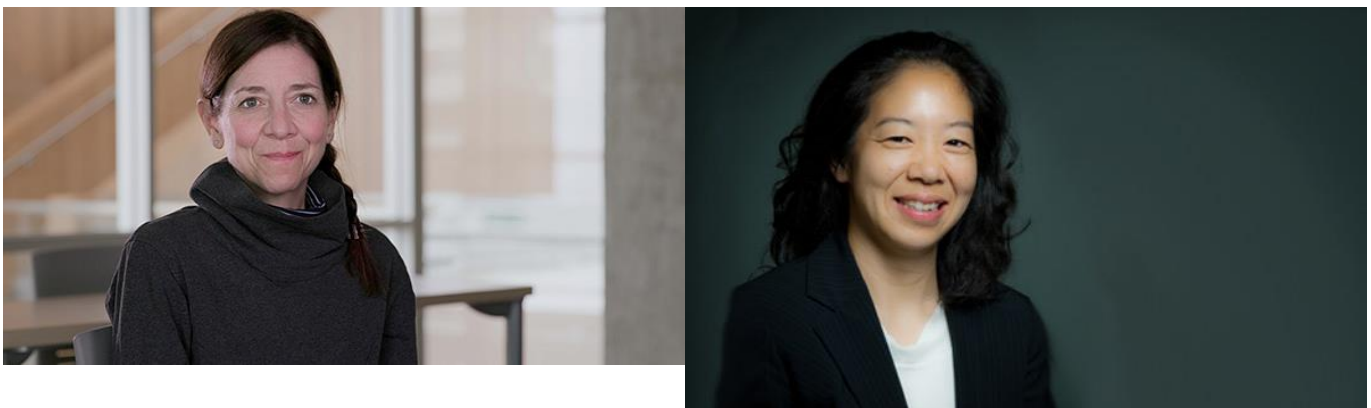
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## CIHR Project Funding

Congratulations to UBC Nursing assistant professor, [Dr. Lillian Hung](#), for her 1-year CIHR Project Grant funding of \$100,000 for the project titled, ***'What Matters' - A digital solution to support person-centered care for people with dementia in care settings***.

The Priority Announcement funding for early career researcher-led Patient-Oriented Research will help launch development of a mobile app to reduce social isolation, support person-centred care, and continuity of care when moving between hospitals and care homes.

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## Healthy Starts Catalyst Grant

Congratulations to UBC Nursing assistant professor, [Dr. Manon Ranger](#), for two funded

Health Starts Catalyst Grants from BC Children's Hospital Research Institute.

The award provides \$40,000 towards the project, ***The role of neuroinflammation in early life pain/sucrose-induced neurodevelopment impairments***, which was ranked first in the competition.

Dr. Ranger is also a co-applicant on the second ranked project, ***Brain-to-brain synchrony in mother-child and father-child dyads: a novel biomarker of brain development*** (\$40,000), with NPI Dr. Guy Dumont (UBC Engineering).

## PHAC Partnership Announced

Co-led by [Dr. Sabrina Wong](#) and Dr. David Barber, the Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN) is Canada's first multi-disease electronic medical record surveillance system.

Given the clear synergies, the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is pleased to be partnering with CPCSSN with both parties looking forward to a long-term partnership.

The initial support was to assess the utility of de-identified electronic medical record data from CPCSSN for COVID-19 surveillance and tracking unintended consequences of the pandemic among Canadians receiving primary care.

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### UBC Health Innovation Funding Investment

Congratulations to UBC Nursing assistant professor, [Dr. Manon Ranger](#), whose project was one of six funded from nearly 40 applications to the 2020 [Health Innovation Funding Investment \(HIFI\) Awards](#).



**Wendy Hall**  
Professor Emeritus,  
School of Nursing

### UBC Health Innovation Funding Investment

Congratulations to UBC School of Nursing professor emeritus, [Dr. Wendy Hall](#), whose project was one of six funded from nearly 40 applications to the 2020 [Health Innovation Funding Investment \(HIFI\) Awards](#).

The award provides \$24,859 to support the project, ***Creating a calmer NICU: Pilot testing a robot for optimizing brain development in preterm infants in the NICU.***

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The award provides \$17,000 in critical funds to support the project titled, ***Indigenous Elder-led app to support parents' Two-eyed Seeing for parenting.***

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## Killam Doctoral Scholarship Awardee

Congratulations to **Trevor Goodyear**, a UBC School of Nursing doctoral student, on being selected as 1 of 7 awardees of the prestigious Killam Doctoral Scholarships.

Under the supervision of [Dr. Emily Jenkins](#) and Dr. Rod Knight, Trevor's doctoral project is titled, ***Out on the street: A critical ethnography with homeless 2SLGBTQ+ youth who use drugs.***

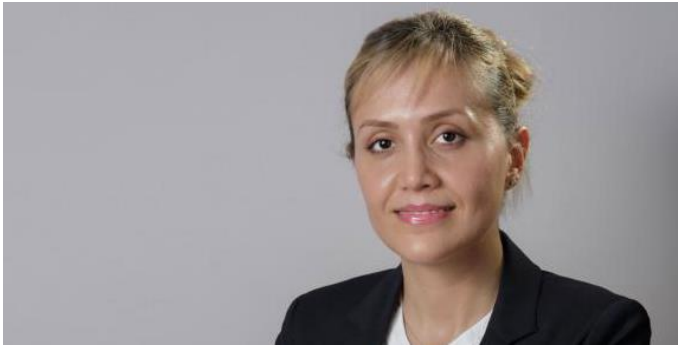
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## Involuntary stabilization care of youth who overdose

Watch doctoral trainee Trevor Goodyear's recent talk, ***Involuntary stabilization care of youth who overdose: More harm than good***, co-presented with the Harm Reduction Nurses Association & Canadian Public Health Association.

[Watch Recording](#)



## UBC Women leading on COVID-19 research

In celebration of International Women’s Day, UBC featured inspiring faculty members making significant contributions to the COVID-19 research front.

As an assistant professor studying workplace psychological health of nurses, [Dr. Farinaz Havaei’s](#) work has been especially vital during the pandemic.

Dr. Havaei encourages young women who aspire to pursue a career in research to do it. “Never underestimate yourself,” she says.

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## STRENGTH Study Findings

The UBC Capacity Unit released the first findings from the STRENGTH study, a three-year community-based, participatory outreach pilot project with women living in the Downtown Eastside (DTES).

Co-lead by [Dr. Vicky Bungay](#) and Linda Dewar, the STRENGTH approach was to build trust in one-to-one relationships, meeting women where they are at, build on their strengths and focus on needs they identified to support better access to and receipt of services.

[See Infographic](#)

**MSN Townhall - Mitacs**      **March 23 @ 12pm - 1pm**

Please join representatives from Mitacs, Allison Brennan and Kyoko Ariyoshi, who will talk about their programs designed for students to drive their career and develop professional skills further. The presentation will be about 20 minutes followed by Q & A.

Topics Covered:

- About Mitacs
- Funded research internship opportunities & student stipends
- Skills development programs
- Q&A



## MSN Townhall with Mitacs



**2021 Virtual Gala**  
 Alumni, Partners and Preceptors Awards  
 SAVE THE DATE  
 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
 May 13, 2021  
 nursing.ubc.ca/Gala2021  
 DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: MARCH 31, 2021

## 2021 Virtual Nursing Gala - Nominations

Please join [Mitacs](#) representatives, Allison Brennan and Kyoko Ariyoshi, who will talk about graduate student opportunities designed to further develop professional skills.

Topics include paid graduate internships and student stipends.

**March 23, 2021 @ 12pm - 1pm**

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This annual event is an opportunity to thank all our supporters who have made a deep and lasting commitment to nursing education, teaching, and research.

**Nomination Deadline: March 31, 2021**

SAVE THE DATE for the Nursing Gala on May 13, 2021

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## PUBLICATIONS

*\* denotes UBC Nursing trainees & alumni*

### **Mapping frailty concepts to SNOMED CT**

*International Journal of Medical Informatics*

Manpreet Thandi\*, Sharde Brown\*, [Sabrina Wong](#)

### **Risking vulnerability: Enacting moral agency in the is/ought gap in mental health care.**

*Journal of Advanced Nursing*

Lynn Musto\*, Rita Schreiber, [Patricia Rodney](#)

### **Stepping out of the shadows: Creating a graphic novella to address bullying in nursing education**

*Nurse Education Today*

[Kathy O'Flynn-Magee](#), Suhan Ong, [Lynne Esson](#)

### **Social determinants of peripartum depressive symptoms among Black peripartum women living with HIV**

*Archives of Psychiatric Nursing*

[Emmanuela Nneamaka Ojukwu](#), G.C. De Oliveira, R. Cianelli, N. Villegas-Rodriguez, C. Toledo



**Letsemot, “Togetherness”: Exploring How Connection to Land, Water, and Territory Influences Health and Wellness with First Nations Knowledge Keepers and Youth in the Fraser Salish Region of British Columbia**

*International Journal of Indigenous Health*

K. Stelkia, L. Beck, A. Manshadi, A. Jensen Fisk, E. Adams, [Annette Browne](#), C. Dixon, D. McEachern, W. Ritchie, S. McDonald, Bonnie Henry, N. Marsden, D. Behn-Smith, Jeff Reading

**Patient-reported outcomes and the identification of subgroups of atrial fibrillation patients: a retrospective cohort study of linked clinical registry and administrative data**

*Quality of Life Research*

Jae-Yung Kwon\*, Richard Sawatzky, [Jennifer Baumbusch](#), [Pamela Ratner](#)

**Immersive virtual reality health games: a narrative review of game design**

*Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation*

[Gordon Tao](#)\*, [Bernie Garrett](#), [Tarnia Taverner](#), Elliott Cordingley, [Crystal Sun](#)

**Towards health equity for people experiencing chronic pain and social marginalization**

*International Journal for Equity in Health*

B. Wallace, [Colleen Varcoe](#), C. Holmes, M. Moosa-Mitha, G. Moor, M. Hudspith, K. Craig

**How to Nurse: Relational Inquiry in Action**

Gweneth Hartrick Doane, [Colleen Varcoe](#)

**Exploring the operationalisation and implementation of outreach in community settings with hard-to-reach and hidden populations: protocol for a scoping review**

*BMJ Open*

Janina Krabbe\*, Sunny Jiao\*, A. Guta, Allie Slemon\*, A. Ahluwalia, [Vicky Bungay](#)

**Primary care providers’ attitudes towards individuals with intellectual disability: Associations with experience and demographics**

*Journal of Intellectual Disabilities*

Genevieve Breau\*, [Jennifer Baumbusch](#), [Sally Thorne](#), T.G. Hislop, A. Kazanjian

## **Residential Care Aides' Experiences of Workplace Incivility in Long-Term Care**

*Work, Employment and Society*

[Heather Cooke\\*](#), [Jennifer Baumbusch](#)

## **Cerebral hemodynamic response to a therapeutic bed for procedural pain management in preterm infants in the NICU: a randomized controlled trial**

*Pain Reports*

[Manon Ranger](#), A. Albert, K. MacLean, L. Holsti

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# **MEDIA COVERAGE**

## **RAPID COVID-19 SCREENING TESTS - MEDIA COVERAGE:**

- **The Globe and Mail:** [UBC pilot project offering rapid tests to screen students in residence for COVID-19](#)
- **Vancouver is Awesome:** [UBC pilot project offers 'rapid COVID-19 screening tests' for students](#)
- **Ubysey:** [UBC announces rapid COVID-19 tests will be available for first years](#)
- **CTV News Vancouver:** [Rapid test pilot project underway at UBC](#)

## **Canada is facing a nursing shortage. Here's why it's hard to fill the gap**

Canadian nursing schools are seeing a surge in interest amid the pandemic. [Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc](#), a professor and director of the University of British Columbia's nursing program commented on the impact to this growing profession.

[CBC The Current](#), [News 1130](#)

## **Your Morning Experts warn of nursing shortage in Canada**

[Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc](#), a professor and director of UBC's School of Nursing, discussed the increasing demand for nursing and health care programs across the Lower Mainland and how it is still not enough to alleviate the shortage of nurses.

[CTV Your Morning](#)

### **6 months after Joyce Echaquan's death, federal response to racism in health-care system remains tepid**

Anti-racism commitment needed to prevent harm to Indigenous, racialized patients say Brian Sinclair Working Group - Dr. Mary Jane Logan McCallum, Christa Big Canoe LL.B., Dr. Josée Lavoie, and [Dr. Annette Browne](#).

[CBC Op-Ed](#)

### **Vulnerable and marginalized most affected by mental health challenges during COVID**

[Dr. Emily Jenkins](#), a mental health expert and assistant professor at UBC's School of Nursing commented on a new poll by the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction.

[Vancouver Sun](#)

### **'A Matter of Trust': The Grim Reality Behind Indigenous Vaccine Fears**

The BC government has prioritized remote First Nations communities, but a record of healthcare racism has left many skeptical. UBC nursing professors [Dr. Colleen Varcoe](#) and [Ranjit Dhari](#) commented on the COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in the Indigenous community.

[The Tyee](#) via [The Star](#)

### **The Surprising Key to Combating Vaccine Refusal**

[Dr. Margaret Moss](#), an associate professor at the UBC School of Nursing and an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota commented on vaccine hesitancy in America.

[The Atlantic](#)

### **To Soothe Vaccine Hesitancy, Tap into the Expertise of Nurses**

UBC Nursing Alumna [Claire Pitcher](#) co-wrote an article on nursing expertise in regards to the COVID-19 vaccine.

[The Tyee](#)

## **Statistics Canada wants you to help improve its reporting on LGBTQ people**

“Knowledge is power and how you define what you collect influences how people can use that information,” explains [Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc](#), Director of UBC’s School of Nursing. “If you don’t know what group is experiencing inequities, then you can’t do anything to fix it.”

[CTV News](#)

## **BC Says ‘Mental Well-Being’ Is Taught in Schools.**

### **Students Don’t See It**

[Elisabeth Bailey](#), an assistant professor of teaching at UBC’s School of Nursing, said that research shows that students’ knowledge and attitudes improved with increased mental health literacy.

The Tyee also quotes [Dr. Emily Jenkins](#) - one of the researchers behind the Agenda Gap, a mental health policy intervention research program run through UBC in partnership with the Richmond school board, the province and others.

[The Tyee](#)

## **UBC planning \$315 million facility expansion of medical research and nursing schools**

At the northwest corner of the intersection of University Boulevard and Wesbrook Mall, there are plans to build a new landmark building for the Faculty of Applied Science’s School of Nursing, Faculty of Education’s School of Kinesiology, and a new Integrated Student Health Services.

[Daily Hive](#)

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