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Global Health News

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK

Think Global Global Health Survey

Already involved in global health work?

OR

Just curious and want to find out more about global health at C&W?

Please take a survey at <http://tinyurl.com/igh-survey>

All participants will have a chance to win a small prize.



Institute for Global Health

C&W Global Health Survey

Are you working in global health or just curious to learn more about global health? If so, please take 1-3 minutes to fill out a brief global health landscaping survey.

The survey is being conducted by the recently launched Institute for Global Health at BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre (IGH-BCCWH). The Institute is a campus-wide initiative supported by the C&W Executive Leadership Team, to create a shared vision for global health across our campus.

The survey aims to:

1. Identify the breadth and range of global health activities across BC Children's Hospital and BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre (C&W) and
2. Identify those across our campus who are not currently involved in global health but have an interest in global health

We encourage all clinicians, nurses and allied health professionals, trainees, and staff to fill out the survey.

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Canadian-Himalayan Association for Innovation (CHAI) funds new project in Ladakh, India

Winter Camp for Youth, an initiative led by Health Inc, provides fun, skill-building activities in remote villages when schools are closed due to the cold winter weather. These activities are both traditional (e.g., weaving) and modern (e.g., computer literacy). Ice hockey, however, is the main draw of Winter Camp. Ability Camp, an arm of winter camps, focuses on young people who have a physical or cognitive disability. Campers develop confidence, learn life skills, and improve physical functioning while having a lot of fun. After Ability Camp, families often choose to access services at the Paediatric Unit at Sonam Norboo Memorial Hospital (SNMH) as a result of seeing their child being active, social, and challenged. Ability Camp has also helped to raise awareness of the capacity of differently-abled and different learners among the wider community in Ladakh.

CHAI is a Canadian charity led by rehabilitation specialists, including UBC & Sunny Hill Health Centre's Alexis Davis, in partnership with [HEALTH Inc](#), a Ladakhi NGO. The charity funds projects that create healthy and inclusive futures for marginalized women, children and youth in Ladakh and Kullu, India.

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A Global Initiative for Cervical Cancer Screening from Uganda to British Columbia



This January, the Government of British Columbia announced the launch of a new program to improve access to cervical cancer screening through an at-home self-screening test. This program aims to eliminate the disease through early detection and phase out conventional pap tests, a ground breaking achievement in women's health, aligning with the spirit of **International Women's Day** on **March 8**.

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Partner Highlight

Martin Chigwede is currently a registered nurse and midwife, serving as a pediatric surgery quality improvement nurse at Kamuzu Central Hospital. Growing up in Malawi, Africa, he directly witnessed challenges and shortcomings within the healthcare system, particularly in underserved regions. As a Pediatric Quality Improvement Nurse, he realized the profound impact he can have on the lives of patients, particularly neonates with congenital wall defects. Recently, Martin secured funding from the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and the National Institute for Health and Care Research. This funding will support a study to enhance care for neonates born with gastroschisis in Malawi, involving an interventional phase aimed at improving quality standards.

“Global surgery, as I perceive it, involves creating a cohesive and efficient environment for surgical practices worldwide, emphasizing equity, sustainability, and collaboration”, says Martin. “The aspects that resonate with me the most include the comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach, as well as the focus on overcoming



Martin will be presenting at our upcoming **Global Health Conference** on April 11th, 2024 as part of Panel 2: Strengthening global surgical care through equitable and sustainable partnerships.

barriers to ensure universal access to surgical care in resource-limited settings.”

Events

The poster features a dark blue background with white and light blue text. At the top, it lists several partner organizations: BC Children's Hospital, BC Women's Hospital+ Health Centre, The University of British Columbia, Global Surgery Lab, and Healthy Starts. The main title 'GLOBAL SURGERY' is in large, bold, white letters, with 'ADDRESSING A NEGLECTED HEALTH CRISIS' in smaller light blue letters below it. A white-bordered box on the left contains the date '11 April 2024'. On the right, a portrait of Salome Maswime is shown, with her name and title '2024 Keynote Salome Maswime, Head of Global Surgery, University of Cape Town' listed next to it.

INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH
GLOBAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2024

BC Children's Hospital
BC WOMEN'S HOSPITAL+ HEALTH CENTRE
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
GLOBAL SURGERY LAB
HEALTHY STARTS

GLOBAL SURGERY
ADDRESSING A NEGLECTED HEALTH CRISIS

11 April 2024

2024 Keynote
Salome Maswime
Head of Global Surgery
University of Cape Town

April 11, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM | Virtual & In-Person, Chan Centre for Family Health Education, BC Children's Hospital

The Global Health Conference is back for our 6th year! The Global Health Conference is an annual event bringing together a community of students, trainees, clinicians, researchers, and faculty from across health professions and disciplines to share knowledge.

We hope that you will join us at for a conversation on “**Global Surgery: Addressing a Neglected Health Crisis**” with conference co-Chairs Dr. Jan Christilaw and Dr. Faizal Haji. The conference will host a wide range of speakers from around the world, giving us the opportunity to discuss the often-overlooked challenges in global surgical care, addressing issues from care inequalities to the impact of education and training on building surgical capacity, and exploring how these factors specifically affect the care of children and women worldwide.

Calling all Trainees!

Are you conducting research in global health? We are currently accepting submissions to share your work via a 2-minute pre-recorded video at the conference, and your work does not need to be related to surgery. **Submissions are due by 11:59 PM PDT on March 26th, 2024.**

Learn more and submit your application [here](#).

As part of the conference, we will be hosting an **in-person trainee networking event entitled "Global Surgery Roundtable"**. Trainees will have the opportunity to participate in small group discussions with facilitators to explore the field of global surgery.

Register for the roundtable [here](#).

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University of British Columbia
Pediatric Grand Rounds

Solar Powered Oxygen Delivery for Children in Low Income Settings

Date: March 8th 2024

Time: 12:00 - 1:00pm PST/PDT

The Chan Centre for Family Health Centre Education

BC Children's Hospital Research Institute
950 West 28th Avenue, Vancouver BC

Online (Zoom)



Guest Speaker:

Dr. Michael Hawkes
MD, PhD



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HEALTH CENTRE
Provincial Health Services Authority

March 8, 2024 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Virtual & In-Person at the Chan Centre for Family Health Education, BC Children's Hospital

Please join the Institute for Global Health and UBC Department of Pediatrics for a Pediatric Grand Rounds presentation by guest speaker, Dr. Michael Hawkes, on **"Solar Powered Oxygen Delivery for Children in Low Income Settings"**. Dr. Hawkes is currently an Associate Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Department of Pediatrics at BC Children's Hospital.

Everyone is welcome! We would love to see you in-person but if you are unable to attend the Zoom details are provided [here](#).



MIDLIFE WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH:
**Unpacking the Science of the Menopausal
Journey and its Health Impacts**

WOMEN'S HEALTH
RESEARCH INSTITUTE
AT BC WOMEN'S **W** 9th Annual Women's Health Research Symposium

**March 8, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Virtual (Livestream) & In-Person,
Robert H. Lee Alumni Centre on the UBC campus**

The 2024 WHRI Symposium will focus on **Midlife Women's Health Research**, emphasizing the science of the menopausal journey and its health impacts. The event brings together researchers, clinicians, trainees, and other partners in research, and offers a forum for sharing new scientific knowledge, knowledge translation, and cultivating collaborations among those passionate about women's health research. The event will include networking, a poster session, and a separate mentorship and networking event for trainees engaged in women's health research.

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Digital Health Research Series
Presented by BCCHR and WHRI

Power of AI in Healthcare - Human Factors and Safety

Thursday, March 21st, 2024

12:00 -1:00 pm, PST



[HTTPS://SHORTURL.AT/RFGW8](https://shorturl.at/rfgw8)



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WOMEN'S HEALTH
RESEARCH INSTITUTE
AT BC WOMEN'S



March 21, 2024 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM | Virtual

Are you interested in gaining insights into human factors in AI integration? Join this illuminating rapid fire online discussion about the **“Power of AI in Healthcare - Human Factors and Safety.”**

Explore the vital human factors in AI integration and discover best practices through impactful research studies. The aim of this 1hr virtual seminar is to provide participants with foundational knowledge that supports the integration of AI in health research projects.

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2024
**WACH
RESEARCH DAY**

16
April,
2024
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9:00AM -
1:00 PM

**BCCHR
CHIENG FAMILY ATRIUM**

#WACHRESEARCHDAY

**SHOWCASING POSTER PRESENTATIONS FROM TRAINEES
IN WOMEN+ AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH SCIENCES**

Please mark your calendars, and stay tuned for
registration and abstract submission links.

**UBC
WACH**

April 18, 2024 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM | In-Person, BCCHR atrium.

The first annual **Women+ and Children's Health Sciences Research Day** will feature poster presentations from WACH's first cohort of new students and upper year students. All students, faculty, postdocs, and staff are welcome to attend, tour the poster presentations, and enjoy this opportunity to network and celebrate the first year of the WACH program.

[VIEW ALL DETAILS](#)



April 23, 2024 | Virtual

Over one day and 9 highly relevant sessions, over 40 internationally renowned speakers, panelists, and moderators will address the role of AI, predictive modeling in [sepsis](#), the need for early diagnosis and treatment of sepsis in surgical patients, the role of biomarkers, personalized approaches to sepsis management, how hypervolemia increases the mortality risk in sepsis, community programs to prevent and diagnose sepsis, and much more.

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**12TH CONGRESS OF
THE WORLD FEDERATION
OF PEDIATRIC
INTENSIVE & CRITICAL
CARE SOCIETIES**
1-5 JUNE 2024



June 1 - 5, 2024 | Virtual & In-Person

This event will be tailored to the entire interprofessional WFPICCS community of physicians, nurses, scientists, and allied health professionals, providing a platform to advance professional knowledge, enhance skills, share experiences, and network with colleagues and friends from around the world. This is the first in-person WFPICCS event since the onset of the COVID-19

global pandemic. WFPICCS 2024 will deliver a high quality scientific programme, sharing the latest developments in paediatric intensive and critical care across the spectrum from basic science to the bedside and beyond to global health challenges and opportunities.

[VIEW ALL DETAILS](#)



June 3 - 6, 2024 | In-Person, Vancouver, BC

The Perinatal Child Health Research Meeting will bring together the annual meetings of eight partnering networks to unite the Canadian perinatal and child health research community in a singular location—a historic first—where innovative ideas can flourish and a collaborative environment can be established. The event is co-chaired by Ken Lim, and Pascal Lavoie, Co-Lead of IGH's Research Working Group and will include an **inaugural Global Health and Health Equity session** moderated by Marianne Vidler and Gina Ogilvie.

[VIEW ALL DETAILS](#)

Grants & Awards

[View the IGH Grant Database](#) for more upcoming funding opportunities!

IGH-BCCWH Global Health Trainee Grant

Due: Accepted on a rolling basis.

Award: \$2,500



Are you a trainee participating in a rural/remote elective in a high-income country (HIC) or a global health elective in a low-or middle-income country (LMIC) in 2024 as part of your clinical training? Does your training focus on health care of neonates, children, adolescents, and/or women?

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, but must be received no later than 4 weeks before the elective start date. [VIEW ALL DETAILS](#)

Children's Global Care Microgrant

Due: March 31, 2024

Award: up to \$1,000



IGH-BCCWH and the Office of Pediatric Surgical

Evaluation and Innovation (OPSEI) are pleased to announce a competitive microgrant in support of humanitarian global care for children. These limited funds will be most useful for **clinical teams who are involved in global partnerships in low-resource communities** where life-saving and life-changing care is out of reach for children and their families. These funds may be used for essential medicines, supplies, and supports such as patient transportation. Funds may not duplicate existing health services and should not be used for care that is free-of-charge to patients. [VIEW ALL DETAILS](#)

Russell G Smith Memorial Travelling Fellowship Grant 2025

Due: April 1, 2024

Award: \$5,000



In honour of the legacy of [I'm A HIPpy](#) founding Chair, Russell G. Smith, and his passionate support for improving global pediatric hip health, this grant will be awarded annually to a member of the hip health community from an under-resourced global region by way of a travelling fellowship visit to the Hippy Lab at BC Children's Hospital. [VIEW ALL DETAILS](#)

Rural Global Health Partnership Initiative

Application Due: April 30, 2024

Funding Amount: \$10,000



For projects led by a physician practicing rural medicine in BC and a demonstrated interest in global health; or a medical trainee (resident or medical student) with a demonstrated commitment to practicing rural medicine and interest in global health. The applicant partner(s) may be based in rural underserved communities in BC, other parts of Canada, or internationally.

Projects should create opportunities to foster reciprocal learning in diverse health systems and community contexts that can lead to innovative solutions to healthcare challenges and improved health outcomes, especially for underserved, marginalized, and Indigenous populations. [VIEW ALL DETAILS](#)

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