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News and updates from the Department of Family Practice at UBC

Hello and welcome to our long awaited refresh of the Department monthly Newsletter. You will see brief news items, recognitions, awards, publications and stories from across the Department. We are also calling this issue a "soft" launch as we want to continue to receive feedback to be sure the Newsletter adds value to your inbox. Over the next couple issues you may notice some subtle or more overt modifications so we appreciate your patience. Now, enjoy this issue and those yet to come.

Cheers,

Rob Petrella, Head, Department of Family Practice

Awards

Congratulations!

- Dr. Terri Aldred, 2020-2021 Mikhael Award for Medical Education, Resident Doctors of Canada
- Dr. Thomas Bailey, 2020 Dr. David M. Bachop Silver Medal of Service, Doctors of BC (awarded posthumously)
- Dr. Steve Beerman, King Edward VII Cup, Royal Life Saving Society, UK, and 2020 Dr. David M. Bachop Gold Medal for Distinguished Medical Service, Doctors of BC
- Dr. Stuart Gershman, 2020 Council on Health Promotion Awards, Doctors of BC
- Dr. Laura Harper, 2020 Dr. David M. Bachop Silver Medal, Doctors of BC
- Elder Roberta Price, 2021 UBC Honorary Degree recipient
- Ms. Xuan Zhao, 2020 Changemaker Student Award, Doctors of BC
- CMA Honorary Memberships: Drs. Karen Buhler, Mark Corbett, Nirvair Levitt, Khati Hendry
- 2020 Recognition Awards, Doctors of BC: Drs. Mark Corbett, Bruce Hobson, Dan Horvat, Laurie McCoy, Christie Newton

Research

Research - call for participation (recruiting pregnant people)

Perinatal Wellbeing Research Team led by Dr. Bayrampour is conducting a pilot prospective cohort study to examine prenatal cannabis exposure and early developmental outcomes (PreCeeDo Study). The specific objectives of this study are to examine the feasibility and acceptability of conducting a large prospective cohort study and to explore the clinical utility of testing umbilical cord tissue to detect and quantify in-utero cannabis exposure. The team is particularly interested in recruiting the exposure group (pregnant cannabis users). Please share this call with your network. More information about the study and participation link can be found here: <https://midwifery.ubc.ca/research/perinatal-wellbeing-research-team/precedo/study-participation-expression-of-interest/>

Publication

Cannabis Use During the Pre-Conception Period and Pregnancy After Legalization [https://www.jogc.com/article/S1701-2163\(21\)00242-5/abstract](https://www.jogc.com/article/S1701-2163(21)00242-5/abstract) featured in UBC News <https://news.ubc.ca/2021/03/24/pre-conception-cannabis-use/>

Events

DFP Research Rounds, May 26, 2021, 12:00-1:00, Presenter: Dr. Dana Solomon, Topic: "Size Matters: Weight Bias, Mistreatment and Non-Consent in Perinatal Care." More information: christine.mckay@familymed.ubc.ca

Recent Publications

- [The Benefits of High-Intensity Interval Training on Cognition and Blood Pressure in Older Adults With Hypertension and Subjective Cognitive Decline: Results From the Heart & Mind Study](#)
 - [The Effect of Impact Exercise \(Alone or Multicomponent Intervention\) on Health-Related Outcomes in Individuals at Risk of Fractures: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials](#)
 - [Mining sick: Creatively unsettling normative narratives about industry, environment, extraction, and the health geographies of rural, remote, northern, and Indigenous communities in British Columbia](#)
 - [I felt so much conflict instead of joy: an analysis of open-ended comments from people in British Columbia who declined care recommendations during pregnancy and childbirth](#)
 - [Cannabis use in patients treated for opioid use disorder pre- and post-recreational cannabis legalization in Canada](#)
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Education

CPD

The Department continues to collaborate with UBC CPD to support family physicians across the province with their learning. Our current offerings include **CME on the Run**, **This Changed My Practice**, now **TCMP Live**, and the **COVID Impact** series. By moving virtual we have been able to reach even more of our distributed residents and faculty. This fall we are aiming to add to our programming, so watch for an exciting new offering focused on **Sports and Exercise Medicine**, updates and innovations.

Undergrad Program

Are you a preceptor interested in teaching? Click here for more information: [Potential Preceptors | Family Practice - Undergraduate \(ubc.ca\)](#)

Department Updates

Admin Updates

Contacting the Department team:

The central administration team at the Department of Family Practice is available to assist you with HR, Finance and Operational questions and processes. Below is a reminder of who is on the team and how they can provide assistance:

Department Head Office

Chris McKay, Executive Assistant to the Department Head, works closely with Dr. Robert Petrella. Please contact Chris at dept.head@familymed.ubc.ca for schedule coordination for Dr. Petrella. Chris can also be contacted about communications, research and recognition queries.

Finance:

Charles Harm, Finance Assistant, is responsible for the delivery of financial support in the Department and will be able to assist with questions about processes and policies. Please contact Charles at charles.harm@ubc.ca with finance questions.

Human Resources:

Alyssa Piperni, Manager, Human Resources, manages the human resource activities across the Department of Family Practice. Alyssa can be contacted at alyssa.piperni@ubc.ca with faculty or staff HR queries.

Ara Silva, Clinical Faculty Coordinator, provides administrative support in the process of coordinating Clinical Faculty appointments, reappointments and promotions. To contact Ara with queries, please email her at ara.silva@familymed.ubc.ca

Adrian Whitehead, HR Assistant, coordinates staff HR processes for staff, students, research associates, postdoctoral fellows with the Department. Please email Adrian at adrian.whitehead@ubc.ca with questions.

Operations:

Kathryn Hill, Administrative Assistant, is responsible for supporting and providing administrative and operations support to the Department. Please contact Kathryn at kathryn.hill@ubc.ca with questions including about security card programming and office equipment orders.

In addition, should you have questions about HR, Finance or Operations at the Department including communications or educational programming, please contact Marni Fraser, Director, Administration at marni.fraser@ubc.ca for follow up.

HR Corner

- We thank you for your patience as we navigate the new Workday system. Please be aware that timely entry and approvals are critical in Workday to avoid retroactive payments. We ask that employees enter time prior to the deadline, managers approve inbox items in a timely manner, and that all changes to employment are communicated to HR well in advance (i.e. resignation, retirement, reappointments/extensions, FTE changes). This will help us ensure we can meet the pay period deadlines as set out by Finance [here](#).
- It is also critical that personal information and direct deposit/tax information is kept accurate and up-to-date. This can be done by the employee through Workday, and job aids can be found on the [ISC's website](#).
- **Staffing Changes:**
 - Please join us in saying farewell and thank you to Amanda Maxwell, Coordinator of Social Media and Digital Marketing. We have posted a new Communications Coordinator position on the [UBC Careers](#) page.
 - As a reminder, in 2020 Ara Silva's, Clinical Faculty Coordinator, role moved fully under HR and Charles Harm, Finance Assistant, will be addressing all Finance requests for the Department.

Careers

The Postgraduate Department is seeking candidates for the following positions:

- Faculty Development Director – Postgraduate Program
- Site Director(s), UBC Family Practice Residency Program, Chilliwack Site
- Site Director (s), UBC Family Practice Residency Program, Okanagan South (Penticton)

Link to the [DFP Careers](#) site for the complete list of available positions.

Around UBC

Newsletters of Interest:

[RCCbc](#)
[DFP Postgraduate Program](#)

- [HR Network News](#)
- [UBC News](#)
- [Healthy UBC](#)
- [UBC Today](#)
- [The Link](#)
- [Research Roundup](#)

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