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OUR NEW LOOK

In the spirit of fresh starts for a new year, we're pleased to introduce a new design and a new name for the BCATPR newsletter. We'll be delivering 'Bandwidth' to your inbox every month, with updates on our current projects and research, so please make sure that you add 'bandwidth@bcatpr.ca' to your accepted email senders. We look forward to sharing our news with you!

MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

The BCATPR is pleased to welcome two new members to our alliance.

Dr. Janet Joy joins us as a new member of our team. Janet is the Director of Innovation with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority and works to promote the use of research evidence in health services delivery and policy development. As well, Dr. Joy assists members of the local research community to identify opportunities to integrate their studies with delivery of health care at VCH. Dr. Joy previously held a position at the Institute of Medicine in Washington DC, where she directed a series of studies on health policy issues including use of stem cells, research needs in multiple sclerosis, medical marijuana, and medical technology development.

We are also pleased to welcome Heather Libby as our new Communication Officer. Heather is a transplant from Victoria with nearly 10 years of experience in communications, marketing, project management and community relations for both corporate and not-for-profit organizations. She is responsible for developing and executing our communication plan, plus organizing our annual conference.

>> *View a full list of all BCATPR team members*

WELCOME TO BANDWIDTH

The monthly newsletter from the British Columbia Alliance on Telehealth Policy and Research. We are a multi-disciplinary health services research team studying ways to bridge traditional health care services and emerging communication technology to meet the changing needs of patients and care providers in our province.

For more information, please visit our website at www.bcatpr.ca.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE - JUNE 8, 2009

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For the past two years we've welcomed more than 200 participants from across Canada to SFU Harbour Centre for a one-day conference discussing emerging trends in telehealth research, policy and practice.



Join us on Monday, June 8 at SFU Harbour Centre for our FREE annual conference and help us shape the direction of what a provincial strategy on telehealth could look like.

THE BCATPR ANNUAL CONFERENCE MONDAY, JUNE 8TH 2009 SFU AT HARBOUR CENTRE

FEATURED SPEAKERS

DR. PATRICK MCGRATH

"Bringing Mental Health Care to Those Who Need It: Exploring Opportunities for mental telehealth in rural communities"

DR. RICHARD E. SCOTT

"A Baseline Study of Telehealth Policy in BC: Identifying Specific Interjurisdictional Telehealth Policy Issues"
Principal Investigator: Richard Scott

DR. JOSÉE LAVOIE

"A Systematic Review of Published and Grey Literature Evidence to Inform the Development of an Analytical Framework and the Deployment of Telehealth/e-Health Initiatives on First Nations Reserves."

This conference is FREE to attend and open to the public. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Registration packages will be available by mail or online at www.bcatpr.ca in the next few weeks.

To add your name to our distribution list, please email: heather_libby@bcatpr.ca.

CELEBRATE HEART MONTH WITH OUR VIRTUAL VALENTINES!

In celebration of Valentine's Day, Heart Month and the launch of our Virtual Cardiac Rehabilitation Project, we are pleased to introduce our special collection of smart and sensible virtual Valentine e-cards.

Lovingly crafted with just the right amount of sugar and spice, these cards are perfect for the heart-smart 21st century romantic in all of us.

View our full collection here:

WWW.BCATPR.CA/VALENTINES



ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST PROJECT: EXPLORING ABORIGINAL TELEHEALTH

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We are pleased to announce the start of our newest research project. Starting this Spring the BCATPR, under the guidance of Principal Investigator Josée Lavoie, will undertake our newest project: a systematic review of published and grey literature evidence to inform the development of an analytical framework and the deployment of telehealth/e-health initiatives on First Nation reserves.

The objective of this project is to develop an appropriate framework to assess the feasibility, sustainability and suitability of telehealth/e-health initiatives on First Nations reserves and explore how this could be integrated into existing or future health policy in BC.

[>> More information on Aboriginal Telehealth](#)

IN THE NEWS: TELEHEALTH WINS BIG IN FEDERAL BUDGET

Canada's newest federal budget contains \$500 million for updating our nation's electronic health record system. "The Government of Canada's continued financial support means every province and territory will continue to benefit from the improved patient safety, cost savings and increased clinical efficiencies that electronic health record systems generate," said Richard Alvarez, President and CEO of Canada Health Infoway. "In addition, thousands of sustainable jobs will continue to be created throughout Canada's health and information technology industries as a result of the government's investment."

The \$500 million investment brings the Government of Canada's total investment in EHR systems to \$2.1 billion to date.

[>> Link to official press release](#)

NEXT MONTH IN BANDWIDTH

- We'll debut a brand-new look for bcatpr.ca;
- Share the surprising results of our Internet Access Study;
- And keep you up-to-date on all the news on Canadian telehealth.

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