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## Upcoming workshops...

### June 21 : BCATPR Workshop

11:00AM – 4:00PM, SFU Harbour Centre

Don't forget to **register** for the upcoming BCATPR workshop, Virtual Clinics and Mobile Health. The first half of the day will feature presentations related to *Improving the care of British Columbians through technology*, with a mid-afternoon session featuring *New initiatives and pilot studies in British Columbia*.

Speakers will include:



**Dr. John Pawlovich**, Clinical Associate Professor, UBC

Telehealth for remote Aboriginal communities: Extending the reach of primary care



**Dr. Dana Hubler**, Lead Physician and  
**Dr. Paul Paddon**, Project Manager,  
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InspireLIFE BC: Bringing integrative cancer care to rural and remote BC



**Dr. Dan Bilsker**, Adjunct Professor, SFU; Clinical Assistant Professor, UBC

Antidepressant Skills Online: Teaching mood self-care on the internet

The British Columbia Alliance on Telehealth Policy and Research is 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, visit:

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**Dr. Tammie Dewan**, Pediatrician, BC Children's Hospital

Using interactive health communications technology in the care of children with complex, chronic disease



**Dr. Scott Lear, Annemarie Kaan, and Bev McCarthy**

BCATPR and myHealthConnect:  
Managing chronic diseases  
online

Much like last year's workshop, the event will feature an exhibit and poster viewing area, a stand-up lunch, and networking opportunities. Registration is \$30, \$20 for students; visit [www.bcatpr.ca/workshops](http://www.bcatpr.ca/workshops) for details.

## June 21 : Pre-workshop interactive forum

8:30AM – 12:00PM, SFU Harbour Centre

The BCATPR Workshop will be preceded by an interactive forum on home-based telehealth for chronic disease management. This session will be jointly facilitated by representatives of the e-Health Strategy Office and the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology in Health (CADTH).

This is a free event. Please register by June 1st. For registration and info, contact:

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## June 11 - 15 : Fraser Health's 7th Annual Research Week

Fraser Health is hosting its 7th Annual Research Week from June 11 to June 15. Topics will include:

DAY 1 : Close to Practice: Research at the Point of Care

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DAY 2 : Social Media for Researchers: A Workshop, and Nursing Research: Knowledge Transfer and Exchange at its Best

DAY 3 : KEYNOTE DAY: Community Participatory Research

DAY 4 : Evidence Informed Decision Making Workshop

DAY 5 : Clinical Trials Management Symposium

Scott Lear will be presenting BCATPR research in the field of online chronic disease management on day 3 of the event.

Registration is free. For more information, visit the [Fraser Health website](#).

## May 27 - 30 : e-Health 2012: Innovating Health e-Care

Held in Vancouver, this is the largest national event and tradeshow in Canada. The following sessions will be featured:

MAY 28 : Realizing the Value of the EHR (Electronic Health Record)

MAY 29 : Canada's Health IT Strategy: Where We've Been; Where We're Going, and From Patient to Policy: The Innovation Ripple Effect

MAY 30 : International Panel Session - Views from Across the Globe

More information is available at [www.e-healthconference.com](http://www.e-healthconference.com).

### In the news...

## Increase death rate findings in telehealth study and what it means for telehealth research

A recently-published study by Takahashi and colleagues is creating buzz in the telehealth community with findings of higher mortality rates in telemonitored patients versus controls. Participants consisted of older adults - mean age of 80 years - at high risk for hospitalization. While rates of hospitalization and emergency room visits remained the same pre- and post-enrollment, the researchers interestingly found mortality rates in the telemonitored group to be 14.7% versus 3.9% in the control, reasons for which are unknown.

A commentary by Wilson and Cram offers suggestions in response to

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these and similar findings on the direction telehealth research should take in the future. They suggest that such results not be discounted, but that efforts should be concentrated on developing the telehealth field for its beneficial uses. For example, the testing of a variety of outcomes, such as healthcare costs and user satisfaction, can help determine a program's desired effects. They also highlight the need for more testing to help establish guidelines on best practices in telehealth, such as staff training and patient inclusion criteria – i.e. identifying those who are most likely to benefit. Since so many factors can affect the success of a program, they advise the telehealth field to move ahead with much planning, testing, and care.

Both of these articles can be accessed here:

**A Randomized Controlled Trial of Telemonitoring in Older Adults With Multiple Health Issues to Prevent Hospitalizations and Emergency Department Visits**, by Takahashi et al.

**Another Sobering Result for Home Telehealth—and Where We Might Go Next**, by Wilson and Cram

## Telehealth developments in workplace safety

New advancements in workplace safety are being developed to help prevent work injuries or illness for those continuing to work into older age. The introduction of health monitoring technology such as fall alert devices and heart monitors could alert workers, co-workers and/or doctors if an injury occurs or a health value outside of the normal range is detected.

Read the full article, **Helping seniors bounce back from falls**, as featured in the Vancouver Sun.

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