BC Health Research Connection Project
A BC SUPPORT Unit demonstration project

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http://bcsupportunit.ca/healthresearchconnection/
About Us

- Demonstration project of the BC SUPPORT Unit.
- Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute is leading the development.
- Population Data BC is developing the data information system
- Engaged stakeholders from across the province.
70% of British Columbians are interested in participating in health research... but only 15% are currently aware of opportunities to do so.

BC Public Opinion Poll, CanadaSpeaks2015
Goals

- Raise **awareness** of health research opportunities among patients and public in BC.

- **Better support** for:
  - Patients and public to connect with research opportunities
  - Health researchers to find potential patient partners and research participants.

- **Empower** patients and public to be involved in health research.
Stakeholder Engagement

January
Researcher stakeholder meeting and feedback report

April
Define requirements, draft project plan documents

June
Community Dialogue, Vancouver

August
Community Dialogue, Surrey

November
Carrier Sekani Family Services research committee consultation, Prince George and Pilot Sites planning meeting

February
Project Working Group kick off meeting

May
> 25 researcher interviews

July
Community Dialogue, Surrey

September
Community Dialogue, Vancouver (youth)

December
Website vendor kick off meeting
BC Health Research Connection Project

A provincial platform to connect British Columbians to health research opportunities.
Volunteer
Get Involved with REACH

Connect with BC researchers—participate in a research opportunity

Sign up as a Health Research Volunteer
How does REACH work - Volunteer

1. Tell Us About Yourself
2. Get Matched with Research Opportunities
3. Connect with Research Teams
4. Search for Studies Before Committing
Account Creation - Volunteer

First we need to create your account.

Email *
We’ll use your email address for your login user name.

Password *

Retype Password *

☐ I’m not a robot

Continue
Account Creation - Volunteer

Personal Information and Contact Preferences

Tell us a little about yourself and how we can keep in touch.

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Continue

BC Health Research
Connection Project
Account Creation - Volunteer

Personal Information and Contact Preferences

How often do you want to be notified?  
- Once a week

Willingness to travel

- Willing to travel any distance
- Up to 100km
- Up to 25km
- Online, Mail, or Phone opportunities only

Some research opportunities may offer reimbursement for travel expenses.

Postal Code

Continue
Research Opportunities for Children

Parents & Guardians

Are you a parent/guardian who will be searching for research opportunities for your child/children?

[ ] Yes

If YES, please the number of children per age group that you are searching for.

Age of child 1

Age of child 2

Age of child 3

[+] Add Another Child
# Health Categories

What health research areas are you interested in learning about?

Select all the health research categories you’re interested in receiving research opportunities about. The more you select, the more research opportunities you may be matched to.

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Researcher
Reach the Volunteers You Need

Post your study to find interested participants across British Columbia
How does REACH work - Researcher

1. Add Studies to the Directory
2. See Your Volunteer Matches
3. Connect with Qualified Volunteers
Account Creation - Researcher

Personal Information & Contact Preferences

Tell us a little about yourself and how we can keep in touch.

First Name* 

Last Name*

Contact Phone Number* 

Extension 

Mobile Phone* 
Your mobile phone number will be used to send an encryption key to allow you to access Volunteer contact information.

Position/Title* 

Choose one...

if 'Other' please specify

For research staff, students/trainees, site navigator, and other, please enter your

Principal Investigator's Name: 

Principal Investigator's E-mail:
Registration Sites
Registration Site

At health clinic or research centre

Volunteer Registration Form

Q. Preferred Method of Contact

Paper

Online

E-mail

Mail
Registration Sites

- Fraser Health Chronic Pain Clinic
- Island Health - Stroke & Multiple Sclerosis Clinics
- Pacific Parkinson’s Research Centre
- Cystic Fibrosis Clinic – St. Paul’s
- UBC Mood Disorders Clinic
- UBC Respiratory Medicine
- VCH Clinical Research Unit
- Vancouver Spine Research Program
- Women’s Health Complex Chronic Disease
- Vancouver Stroke Prevention Clinic
- VGH Neurosurgery Clinic
- Kelowna Respiratory Outpatient Clinic
Timeline

- **Project Start**: 2016
- **Planning, Stakeholder & Public Engagement**: 2017
- **Design & Development**: 2018
- **We are here**: 2018
- **Website Launch**: 2019

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- Pilot Registration Sites
- Patient Advisory Group Members
- Community dialogue attendees
- BC SUPPORT Unit and regional centres

Ktunaxa Nation Elders Meeting

Project Working Group Members
Get updated on the launch of REACH

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Health research opportunities are within your REACH!