



Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network
Réseau canadien de surveillance sentinelle en soins primaires

BC-CPCSSN News

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You are part of an ever-growing group of over 100 clinicians who are choosing to contribute to the success of BC-CPCSSN, which has data on over 160,000 patients!

New for 2022: a case definition to identify patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAf). We will be implementing case definitions for PTSD, heart failure, and multiple sclerosis in the coming months.

We need your help with BC studies!

BC-CPCSSN is seeking your assistance with the exciting research projects below. A limited number of opportunities exist to play a vital role.

Study 1: Priorities for enhancing cancer care for older adults

We are recruiting clinicians to help identify priorities for addressing the needs of older adults with cancer. Sign up at [this link](#) to share your information and availability.

What's involved?

- A single one-hour Zoom conversation with a group of other primary care clinicians and researchers.

What's in it for you?

- \$25 gift card to acknowledge your time.
- Contribute to research priorities for older adults with cancer.
- Receive a report of the findings.

Study 2: Understanding the combined health of people living with dementia and their caregivers

We are recruiting people living with dementia and their caregivers for a pan-Canadian dementia health surveillance initiative. Please contact info@spor-bcphcrn.ca to participate.

What's involved?

- Your help to identify the caregivers of your patients living with dementia (one-time event).
- Assistance from your clinic staff to mail study information to eligible patients and caregivers.
- Patients and their caregivers will complete annual surveys for 3 years.

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Data Presentation Tool (DPT) update

The DPT now has easy ways to find patients with one or more of the 14 CPCSSN conditions, plus a new one-click search to find patients who tested positive for COVID-19.

You will have received your login details in the email that accompanies this newsletter—please try it out!

DPT saved searches

The DPT has a number of one-click saved searches to identify patients of interest—see examples below.

Patients with Diabetes	# Results:		🔍
Patients with Depression	# Results:		🔍
Patients with Osteoarthritis	# Results:		🔍
Patients with COPD	# Results:		🔍
Patients with Hypertension	# Results:		🔍
Patients with Dementia	# Results:		🔍
Patients with Parkinson's Disease	# Results:		🔍
Patients with Epilepsy	# Results:		🔍
Patients with 1 condition	# Results:		🔍
Patients with 2 conditions	# Results:		🔍
Patients with Diabetes and Hypertension	# Results:		🔍

Click to run search →

To find them, click on “Search” on the top menu and then “Saved Searches” on the Search page. Check the list for a search of interest, and then click the icon on the right to run it.

The results show the patients’ age and sex, the number of CPCSSN conditions, and the time since last appointment. A patient list is also available—click on “List” towards the top right. This list can be populated with patient details

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What are the benefits?

- \$200 reimbursement to each clinic.
- Patients and caregivers will receive \$15 per survey completed.
- Support efforts to examine the health of people living with dementia and their caregivers over time, to better identify their needs and inform management of dementia in primary care.
- Improve public health surveillance of people living with dementia and their caregivers.

Study 3: Electronic frailty index—a frailty screening tool

We're developing a new tool that can automatically calculate a frailty score for your patients from existing EMR data. Please email info@spor-bcphcrn.ca to participate.

What's involved?

- Be part of a panel of clinical experts to develop a list of factors that reflect frailty.
- Help confirm EMR codes (ICD-9, LOINC) and terms that reflect these factors.

How long will it take?

- 6-8 hours over a one-year period (each activity is 45-60 minutes).

What's in it for you?

- \$250 honorarium for participating.
- Help develop a tool to detect frailty sooner and improve patient and system level outcomes. The goal is for this to become standard practice in Canadian primary care settings.
- Help a doctoral student graduate!

Study 4: Patient reported experiences in primary care

We are testing a pan-Canadian and international survey on the experiences and health outcomes of patients with chronic conditions. Email info@spor-bcphcrn.ca to receive more details when recruitment opens.

What's involved:

- A 15-minute survey about you and your clinic.
- Help identify eligible patients to complete a survey about their experiences with primary care.

What's in it for you:

- A \$100 gift card per clinic.
- Feedback on the outcomes and experiences of your participating patients.
- Contribute to research that engages with patients to improve delivery of primary care across Canada.

using the re-identification feature below.

DPT re-identification

The DPT can be used in conjunction with your EMR to re-identify your patients within the DPT. This means you can easily follow-up with patients of interest after running a search.

It's a straightforward and secure process, and *no patient information leaves your computer.*

Try it out by clicking on your username and selecting the "Re-Identification" option. We also have a video on our YouTube channel that will help you through the process: click the Help button, and select Instructional Videos.

The BC-CPCSSN team

The team is situated within the BC Primary Health Care Research Network (BC-PHCRN), physically located at UBC in Vancouver. We are Veena Mudaliar and Mary Helmer-Smith (Network Managers), Andy Gibb and Don White (Data Managers), and Sabrina Wong (Director). We welcome your comments and feedback on the work of BC-CPCSSN!

More info or join CPCSSN

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