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Research Initiative Goals

To improve the quality of care for children, youth, and families living with life-threatening conditions, by increasing the capacity of Canuck Place Children's Hospice (CPCH) and clinicians to conduct and use Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) research.

If you have questions, please contact _cpresearch@canuckplace.org.



Canuck Place Nursing Manager, Brenda Dewar and Canuck Place Child, Elan Epp

The Community

The CPCH Research Initiative supports and participates in knowledge generation, dissemination, and encourages a culture of inquiry for CPCH staff. Externally, the CPCH Research Institute collaborates with BCCH Research (BCCHR) and meet regularly to review, process, plan and share PPC projects.

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RESEARCH INITIATIVE AUDIENCES

Audiences

The research initiative at CPCH engages:

- PPC clinicians and researchers
- Child health clinicians
- Pediatric patients/families living with life-threatening conditions and families who are bereaved
- BC Children's Hospital Research Institute
- University & college researchers
- PPC organizations
- Donors, fundraising partners, and supporters
- Government partners

Inputs

- Experienced research team
- Clinical expertise in PPC
- Engaged and supportive CPCH clinical staff roles and talent
- Committed CPCH funding
- Pediatric Hospice program partnerships across Canada
- Resource access to UBC, BCCHR, and others
- Research partnerships across Canada and internationally

Activities

- Undertake original research with a focus on pediatric palliative and end-of-life care
- Apply for competitive, peer-reviewed grant funding
- Continue funding requests and donor strategy
- Contribute to the pan-Canadian research PedPalAScNet network
- Provide an annual Research workshop
- CPCH Research Forum, a pathway for engagement and knowledge generation: Knowledge Building Circle
- Micro-grant program to support pilot projects
- Biennial International meeting
- Host annual visiting scholars
- CPCH to continue to provide education, supervision, and training
- Fund and supervise graduate student(s)
- Support UBC Royal College sub-specialty fellowship in Pediatric Palliative Medicine
- Engage with a Research Advisory Committee with CPCH Board representation

Outputs

- Research informing:
 - Clinical interventions for symptom management and improvement of quality of life
 - Family well-being
 - Health services provision and utilization
- Academic publications
- Increased grant funding
- New scholars trained in the field
- Dissemination of research through presentations within PPC forums (internal and external)
- Public science presentations/webinars
- Increased research activity within CPCH and inter-disciplinary/clinical service representation



CARING FOR FAMILIES WHEN AND WHERE THEY NEED IT THE MOST

Outcomes

SHORT TERM

- Ongoing quality improvement and finding solutions to clinically identified problems/challenges
- Building awareness and stimulating interest about research and inquiry within the CPCH inter-disciplinary/clinical teams
- Increased knowledge sharing, integrate, and collaborate about PPC research activities

MEDIUM TERM

- Cultivating a culture of inquiry, discovery, and research-informed practice
- Improving direct patient care provided
- Contributing to research-informed practice
- Generating and developing new knowledge and innovation to the work at CPCH

Disseminating knowledge and model of care with other clinicians and organizations through practices, policies, and philosophy of care

Supporting PPC treatments, approaches, and using new knowledge

Modeling inter-disciplinary care and patient-oriented research

LONG TERM

- Elevating the CPCH organization profile and reputation
 - Provincially
 - Nationally
 - Internationally
- Demonstrating commitment and integrity to improve care to the public and children and families
- Providing leadership in the international network of PPC research and care providers
- Contributing to the components of a leading healthcare organization and attracting healthcare clinician expertise.
- Increasing philanthropic donations



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