

# VCHRI

Healthier Lives Through Discovery

## RECOGNIZING VCHRI

VCHRI investigators have a key role to play in raising the profile of health research in British Columbia. We ask for you to help raise awareness in the following ways:

**Acknowledgement:** VCHRI affiliation should be cited in research papers, newsletters and other print media, and referred to in interviews and public forums.

**Logos:** The VCHRI logo should be displayed on posters, business cards, web sites and other visual presentations.

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**Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI) is the research body of Vancouver Coastal Health Authority. It includes BC's largest academic and teaching health sciences centres: VGH, UBC Hospital, and GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre.**

**In academic partnership with the University of British Columbia, VCHRI brings innovation and discovery to patient care, advancing healthier lives in healthy communities across British Columbia, Canada, and beyond.**

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## VCHRI IS HEALTH RESEARCH

VCHRI is one of four Vancouver hospital-based research institutes affiliated with UBC (Providence Health Care Research Institute (PHCRI) at St. Paul's Hospital, The Child and Family Research Institute (CFRI) at BC Children's Hospital, and the BC Cancer Research Centre at the BC Cancer Agency).

VCHRI supports and promotes research across Vancouver Coastal Health. Major research centres include:

- Brain Research Centre at UBC Hospital
- Centre for Clinical Epidemiology & Evaluation (C2E2)
- Centre for Hip Health & Musculoskeletal Research
- Centre for Respiratory & Critical Care Medicine
- Immunity & Infection Research Centre
- International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (ICORD)
- The Prostate Centre at VGH

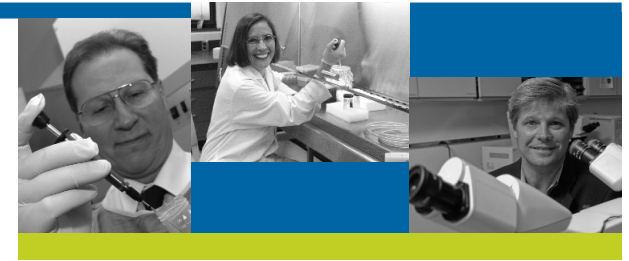
## VCHRI IS PART OF A CONTINUUM OF HEALTH CARE

Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) is committed to supporting and developing research and innovation, with a particular focus on translational research that informs care and decision making. Care is provided at VCH\* through four Health Services Delivery Areas (HSDAs).

- Vancouver Acute (VGH, UBCH and GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre)
- Richmond Health Services
- Coastal (North Shore/Coast Garibaldi)
- Vancouver Community

Vancouver Acute is the focal point of most research at VCH. To facilitate research activity across the health authority, VCHRI has established Research Administration Offices and appointed assistant directors in the other HSDAs.

\* VCH has a denominational agreement and affiliation with Providence Health Care, which has its own research body, the Providence Health Care Research Institute.



## VCHRI IS PART OF THE UBC ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Most VCHRI investigators hold faculty appointments at UBC. The VCHRI executive director is also appointed assistant dean research, UBC Faculty of Medicine. These linkages ensure full communication and commonality of purpose between all institutions.

## VCHRI IS SCIENTISTS AND CLINICIANS

Members of VCHRI are active investigators engaged in one or more of the four pillars of health research as defined by CIHR. Investigators are recognized in three categories:

- **Core Investigator:** Principal investigator with a UBC faculty appointment who holds external funding and conducts research at a VCH facility.
- **Associate Investigator:** Member of the VCH professional staff who conducts research as part of their role in the organization.
- **Affiliated Investigator:** A faculty member of an educational institution that has an affiliation agreement with VCHRI and who leads research studies within VCH.

**Affiliated Institutions:** VCHRI has research affiliation agreements with Simon Fraser University, B.C. Institute of Technology, University of Victoria and Royal Roads University. Researchers from these institutions wishing access to VCH populations may apply to VCHRI for affiliated investigator status.

## VCHRI PROVIDES SERVICES FOR INVESTIGATORS

**Research development**, including internal grant competitions, education, trainee programs, and grant development.

**Clinical research support**, offered through the Clinical Research Unit (CRU). The Unit assists investigators with clinical trial coordination. The preparation and execution of the trials are conducted by nurses with acute care and clinical trial experience. Trials can be industry or grant funded or investigator initiated research. The CRU can offer assistance to researchers from all disciplines and welcomes new investigators.

**Study design and analysis**, as well as data management is offered by the Centre for Clinical Epidemiology & Evaluation. The Centre facilitates collaboration and consultation with experts in these fields

**Biomedical, imaging & genomic support**, including animal facilities, MRI imaging and gene microarray facility.

**Administrative support**, including communication & media relations, clinical trials contract administration office, space management for academic research, occupational health & safety committees, VCH and UBC financial and human resources training support for research project administrators.

### UBC Research Support Offices

The following UBC administrative units are located at VCHRI (VGH Site):

- Office of Research Services (ORS)
- Clinical Research Ethics Board (CREB)
- University-Industry Liaison Office (Hospitals Office) (UILO)
- MedIT services

Complete details of services are available on the web at [www.vchri.ca](http://www.vchri.ca) or by contacting the Institute at [research@vch.ca](mailto:research@vch.ca).

## HOW-TOs FOR VCHRI INVESTIGATORS

### Space

For day-to-day management issues, contact the VCHRI manager.

### Obtaining & administering research funds

- All industry sponsored clinical trial agreements are negotiated by the Regional Clinical Trials Administration Office.
- All funding requests must be signed by administrative officers in accord with UBC signature policies. VCHRI investigators can have operating and infrastructure grants signed at Point Grey or at the VGH site (for both Faculty of Medicine and UBC signatures).
- Research accounts can be held at UBC or VCH. The manager of Research Services assists investigators in establishing accounts.

### Patient-based research

All research studies and clinical trials involving human subjects at VCH must be approved by a University of British Columbia research ethics board and must receive organizational approval from VCHRI before any activity begins. Submission forms are available on the VCHRI web site.

Contracts (other than clinical trials) are negotiated by the UBC UILO Office or the manager of Research Services.

### Intellectual Property

The UBC UILO Office manages all IP on behalf of VCHRI. Information is available on the web at [www.uilo.ubc.ca](http://www.uilo.ubc.ca)

Complete guidelines for VCHRI procedures are available at [www.vchri.ca](http://www.vchri.ca).



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