

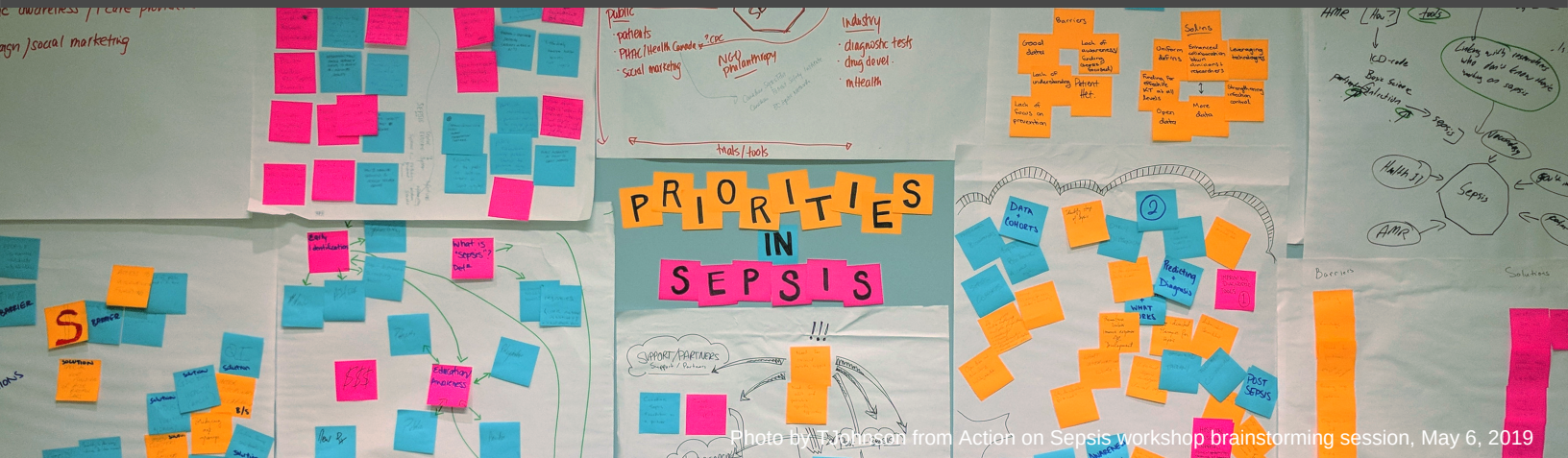


THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Action on Sepsis

Research Excellence Cluster

GRANTS FOR CATALYZING RESEARCH CLUSTERS | WORLD SEPSIS DAY
PATIENT ORIENTED RESEARCH | GRANT AWARDEE



GRANTS FOR CATALYZING RESEARCH CLUSTERS "ROUND 2"

We're already nearing the end of our first year as an emerging research cluster!

The 2019 Grants for Catalyzing Research Clusters (GCRC) competition has been announced.

Vancouver researchers are invited to submit their Notice of Intent to apply by Sept 23, 2019.

Action on Sepsis will be submitting an emerging cluster application for 2020. If you would like to be part of discussions please contact **Stefanie.Novakowski@bcchr.ca**

A number of changes to the GCRC program were made based on cluster feedback: the grant terms can either be one or two years, and clusters can apply for an additional trainee stipend supplement. Grant funding will also now align with fiscal years with bridged funding available for currently existing clusters clusters who are awarded another term..

Details of this funding competition, information sessions, and instructions for applying can be found at www.research.ubc.ca/GCRC. Questions about the GCRC competition can be directed to **Stacey.Herzer@ubc.ca**.



#WorldSepsisDay

Friday September 13, 11am-6pm

IN CANADA, SEPSIS IS INVOLVED IN ONE IN 18 DEATHS, AFFECTS MORE THAN 30,000 PEOPLE EVERY YEAR, AND MOST PEOPLE HAVE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF IT.

Join us at Robson Square Plaza North. Play games, win prizes, meet experts, and learn about sepsis!

WORLD SEPSIS DAY AT ROBSON SQUARE

Action on Sepsis and partner organizations are hosting, **World Sepsis Day (WSD), Friday Sept 13 at Robson Square**. We encourage everyone to stop by the booth if you can, and if not, you can join us on Twitter **@ActionOnSepsis** for interviews and updates throughout the day. The event itself will feature health care workers, patient partners, and researchers sharing their expertise about sepsis with the public.

There will be prizes, music and, of course, the classic **pink** WSD décor. We encourage everyone to tell your friends and family about the event, connect with us on Twitter and promote awareness and your own great work in field of sepsis with the hashtags **#WorldSepsisDay** and **#Vancouver**.

On the 13th, many of Vancouver's landmark buildings, including City Hall, Science World, the Sails of Light at Canada Place and more will once again be lit up in **PINK**, if you see one, snap a photo and share it with us!

BC SUPPORT UNIT P2P Awards

The BC SUPPORT Unit in partnership with the MSFHR has opened the next round of their Pathway to Patient-Orientated Research Awards. The LOI due date has been extended to Sept 13. The opportunity offers a \$20,000 award for a pilot or feasibility study to support BC-based patient-orientated research teams (including PI, patient partner and/or trainee) that intend to apply for larger granting opportunities.

For more information read the guidelines and submit your Letter of Intent today!
<https://bcsupportunit.ca/p2p-awards>

Congratulations Dr Dave Goldfarb!

Dr Dave Goldfarb was awarded a contract with bioMerieux to implement an automated blood culture testing system at Princess Marina Hospital in Gaborone, Botswana. Sepsis is the leading cause of death at Princess Marina Hospital, and rapid initiation of the appropriate antibiotics is a key step for managing sepsis. Over the next year, Dr Goldfarb will be working with co-investigators from the Botswana-UPenn Partnership, as well as Dr Tex Kissoon, Dr Manish Sadarangani, and Dr Pascal Lavoie at BC Children's and Women's Hospital. They will be testing whether this system leads to faster identification of bloodstream infections compared to manual blood culture testing, and conduct a costing analysis comparison of the two systems.