



WOMEN'S HEALTH  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE  
AT BC WOMEN'S



# ANNUAL REPORT

2018-2019

# 2018-2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## WHRI champions new digital and virtual health portfolio specific to women's and newborn's health research



Recognizing the rapid advances within the technology and digital health sector, the WHRI has created the new role of "Research Manager, Digital Health" order to build in-house expertise in this area. The deliverables for this role are to build capacity for a women's and newborn's health focused digital strategy within the WHRI and BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre, to conduct an environmental scan to better understand the current landscape of digital research across women's and newborn's health research in BC, and to identify priorities to enhance digital health research initiatives for the institute.

## WHRI launches knowledge translation consulting for research teams to move evidence into practice

Knowledge translation activities aim to close the gap between research discovery and the actual implementation of those findings by improving the integration of research evidence into practice. The WHRI provides leadership in knowledge translation by establishing dedicated for in this area researchers, including partnering with the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research to host various workshops on knowledge translation and Implementation Science for researchers and by hiring a new knowledge translation specialist to give women's and newborn health researchers the support they need to increase the impact of their research. The WHRI's Knowledge Translation Manager acts as an expert resource by providing leadership and consultation to WHRI researchers and other stakeholders on translation research projects.

## WHRI Investigator to lead \$20M national research strategy aimed at the elimination of cervical cancer



WHRI Investigator, Dr. Gina Ogilvie, to lead \$20M national research strategy aimed at the elimination of cervical cancer. Both the Federal Government and BC Women's Health Foundation will invest \$10 million over 5 years to support Dr. Ogilvie's program of research which will explore new strategies to better prevent and treat cervical cancer. About 1,550 women across Canada are diagnosed each year with cervical cancer and nearly 400 die from the disease. This new funding will be used by Dr. Ogilvie's team to study things like HPV vaccination and other methods to prevent cervical cancer and increase cervical cancer screening rates. This work will contribute to the global call for action toward the elimination of cervical cancer.

*Image, from left: Dr. Gina Ogilvie, Genesa Greening, Former Minister of Health Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Dr. Gavin Stuart*

# OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

In 2018 – 2019, our investigators have advanced knowledge through a substantial increase in scientific publications and trainee supervision. The excellent calibre of research at the institute continues to attract competitive external funding and our provincial network of women's health research grew significantly this past year.



**670 PUBLICATIONS**

*15% increase in research publications over the year*



**265 INVESTIGATORS**

*27% increase in our provincial network of researchers over the year*



**\$24.8 MILLION IN FUNDING**

*20% increase in external research funding over the year*



**690 RESEARCH TRAINEES**

*54% increase in learners supervised by our investigators over the year*

## OUR YEAR ON SOCIAL



2.1k  
followers

2.9k  
likes

1.5k  
retweets

10.4k  
engagements

543k  
impressions



620  
followers

392  
reactions

49  
shares

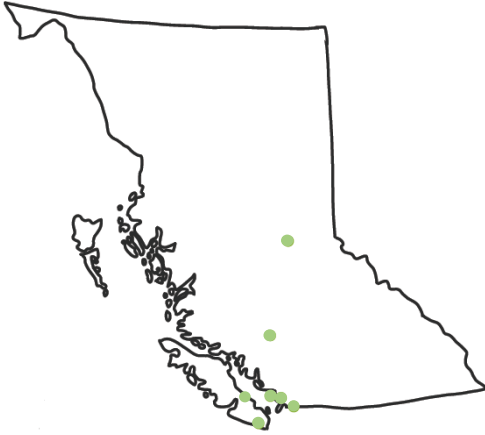


311  
followers

245  
likes

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# ABOUT WHRI



## OUR 265 INVESTIGATORS REPRESENT

Five universities in British Columbia

28 departments at the University of British Columbia

18 universities globally

The Women's Health Research Institute is devoted to improving the health and health care of girls and women through knowledge generation, serving as a catalyst for research in women's health and supporting an expanding provincial and national network of women's health researchers, policy makers and healthcare providers.

Our investigators make significant contributions to improving the health and health care of girls and women in British Columbia and around the world through knowledge generation. The Women's Health Research Institute is one of only a few research institutes worldwide (and one of only two in Canada) to focus exclusively on women's health.

We aim to underscore the importance of advancing research that examines the unique health needs of women throughout the lifespan and spotlight the world-class research that is currently being conducted in the province.

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