

April 2021

UNBC opens Demo lab at the Centre for Technology Adoption for Aging in the North (CTAAN)

The Centre for Technology Adoption for Aging in the North (CTAAN) supports aging in northern and rural communities by making technologies more available to older adults, caregivers, and the healthcare systems that support them.

Built on a partnership between [UNBC](#), [Northern Health](#), and [AGE-WELL](#), our programs that focus on testing, piloting, implementing, and promoting new and existing technology solutions tailored to support older adults and caregivers in northern and rural communities.



We have created a living lab demonstration and testing facility at UNBC to showcase technologies to support aging. It is imperative that our projects include community engagement and collaboration with older adults, caregivers, researchers, and companies. Reach out if you are interested in getting involved.

CTAAN's demonstration facility will enable testing and research to validate and adapt technology for a particular setting and application.

This lab serves as a platform to raise awareness of technology for aging in northern and rural settings. We currently have a range of smart home sensors and devices on display but stay connected as more technologies become available.

To see for yourself, [contact them](#) for a virtual tour and stay tuned for the official launch later this year.

To get the latest updates, sign up for CTAAN Connector Newsletter at www.ctaan.ca or follow them on Twitter @AAN_CATVN.

2021 Northern BC Research and Quality Conference - New date: Dec 7-9th

Due to concerns around the COVID-19 pandemic rescheduling the conference to December 7-9, 2021 is the best way to proceed. This will ensure the conference stays true to its objectives focused on facilitating networking, knowledge sharing and inspiring new ideas in a safe way for conference participants. We will continue to highlight and celebrate northern research and quality projects and encourage you to join our regular monthly [Brown Bag Series](#) and [Health Research Seminar Series](#).

Please visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

Brown Bags Presentation: April Cancelled

The Brown Bag Lunch session has been cancelled for April as Northern Health staff continue to assist in the COVID-19 response.

[For more information and to view past presentation.](#)

UNBC Health Research Seminar Series: Student Speakers April 15th

April 15, 2021 | Student Speakers |

2:30pm - 4:00pm | Zoom

Kayla Korolek | Understanding the lived experiences of social and community inclusion as facilitators of physical activity for people with physical disabilities in northern and rural British Columbia

Alanna Koopmans | Experiences of physical activity in people with multiple sclerosis in BC during the COVID-19 pandemic

Katherine Bailey | Vitamin D and cognition in young adolescents in northern British Columbia

Zack Vaughan | Investigating the relationship between environmental xenoestrogen mixtures and reproductive hormones in Canadians.

Please visit the [HRI website](#) for webinar login information, future presentations, as well as links to view past recorded presentations.

The goal of the Health Research Seminar Series is to offer a regular place for students and faculty to engage in discussions about current health research from across all programs and campuses of UNBC. To ensure everyone can access the presentations, each session will be broadcast via Zoom and recordings will be posted on the HRI website.

Successful applicants for the Collaboration for Health Research in Northern BC Seed Grant Competition

We are pleased to announce the successful applicants for the **Collaboration for Health Research in Northern BC Seed Grant Competition**. Each team will receive \$10,000 for a 12-month term (May 1, 2021– April 31, 2022).

The goal of the seed grant program, sponsored by UNBC, NH and PHSA, is to enable collaborators from the UNBC, NH and PHSA to work together and create new research projects focused on improving the quality of health services and improving the health of the population in northern BC.

Title	Co-Principal Investigators		
	UNBC	PHSA	NH
Care following non-fatal opioid overdose at the University Hospital of Northern British Columbia Emergency Department: A retrospective chart review	Dr. Erin Wilson	Dr. Amanda Slaunwhite	Kerensa Medhurst
Assessing Community Vulnerability to Health Impacts of Climate Change in Northern British Columbia: An Exploratory Study	Dr. Chris Buse	Dr. Eleni Galanis	Dr. Raina Fumberton
Building dialogue for clinical research collaborations and leadership in Northern BC	Dr. Davina Banner-Lukaris	Dr. Rob Olson	Dr. Julia Bickford
Day-to-day living during COVID-19 – a community participation study exploring the pandemic’s impact on the early years, ages 0-8 yrs, across Northern communities	Dr. Caroline Sanders	Erica Koopmans	Lauren Irving

Contact Information

For more information, contact the Northern Centre by [email](#) or visit our [website](#).

