



**Michael Smith Foundation for  
Health Research**

## **BC Nursing Research Initiative Research Priority Areas**

### **Health Services Research**

#### **1. Care Delivery**

Exploring innovations in health service delivery to better meet the needs of clients, nurses and the health system across a full spectrum of services from health promotion, prevention, treatment, and care management, to palliative and end-of-life care.

- New models of health service delivery.
- New models of staffing: defining the skill mix of nurses or nurses working with other health professionals for achieving optimum team composition in the delivery of safe, efficient and effective services.

#### **2. Nursing Health Human Resources**

- Innovations that enhance recruitment and retention of the nursing workforce.

#### **3. Practice Relevant Education**

- Under-graduate, graduate and specialty education related to clinical judgment and skills
- Education for nursing practice; supporting nurses to adapt to and implement changes in health services delivery to meet the needs and improve health outcomes of diverse populations.
- Best practice for orienting and mentoring newly recruited nurses.

#### **4. Impact of Policy Decisions on the Quality and Safety of the Practice (Work) Environment**

- Research that evaluates the impact (intended and unintended) on the practice environment resulting from the implementation of policy change.

#### **5. Proactive Approaches to Enhancing Quality and Safety of the Practice Environment**

- Innovative promotion and prevention strategies that enhance the quality and safety of the work environment for nurses.