

Health Services & Policy Research Support Network

Current Research Priorities

The following research areas were identified through a survey led by the Ministry of Health Services which involved Health Authority CEOs and Ministry of Health Services Executive. These were approved by Leadership Council in January 16, 2004 for attention through the Health Services & Policy Research Support Network (HSPRSN).

- Acute Care Redesign
- Chronic Disease Management
- Differential Impact of Changes in the Health System on the Health of Specific Populations
- Health Human Resources
- Home and Community Care
- Mental Health

In March 2004, the Ministry of Health Services identified two additional priorities:

- Clinical Outcomes Measurement
- Patient Safety

HSPRSN inaugural Investigative Teams and Operating Grants Competitions (closing date: June 24, 2005) called for applications that would support capacity building and address research questions in one or more of these priority areas.

A second HSPRSN operating grants competition has been approved for the fall of 2005. The Network Executive Director is consulting with the BC Ministry of Health and BC Health Authority CEOs to confirm the priorities for the second competition in readiness for posting the guidelines in October/November 2005.

Funding for Investigative Teams was one-time, pending a review of the program and the availability of additional funding.