

What is InspireNet doing to advance nursing health services research in BC?

- Working toward five key [outcome goals](#):
 - 1) Increased capacity to conduct/contribute to research.
 - 2) Coordinated provincial approach for planning and priority setting.
 - 3) Strategic nursing and interprofessional partnerships.
 - 4) Innovation in care delivery and education.
 - 5) A feasible sustainability plan.

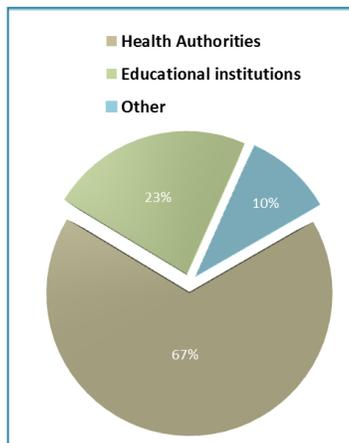
A bit about InspireNet: our network is a component of the [BC Nursing Research Initiative](#) funded by the [Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research](#) for four years (Nov 2009 - Oct 2013). By bringing people and knowledge together in new ways, InspireNet creates collaborative advantage and builds capacity for [nursing health services research](#) in BC and beyond. InspireNet welcomes a diverse range of researchers, clinicians and policy makers from various professions and disciplines who seek linkages and partnerships with nursing health services researchers.

What are InspireNet’s unique strengths?

- Of 2,000 members, 67% work in BC’s health authorities, making InspireNet an ideal partner for knowledge translation initiatives.
- Innovative use of interactive web technologies to enable province-wide participation, access to information and learning.

Institution	Members		
BC Health Authorities			67%
Vancouver Coastal Health	383	19%	
Fraser Health	233	11%	
Vancouver Island Health Authority	215	11%	
Interior Health	180	9%	
Providence Health Care	178	9%	
Provincial Health Services Authority	118	6%	
Northern Health	55	3%	
BC Educational Institutions			23%
University of Victoria	121	6%	
University of BC	79	4%	
Douglas College	46	2%	
Selkirk College	29	1%	
University of Northern BC	27	1%	
North Island College	26	1%	
Langara College	26	1%	
BC Institute of Technology	22	1%	
Vancouver Island University	16	1%	
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	14	1%	
Trinity Western University	13	1%	
University of BC Okanagan	13	1%	
Thompson Rivers University	12	1%	
Aurora College (NT)	9	0%	
Vancouver Community College	9	0%	
Camosun College	6	0%	
Other			10%
NGOs, private care, smaller institutions	137	7%	
Outside of BC	46	2%	
Government	25	1%	
Total members @ Year 2.5: Apr 30/12	2,038	100%	100%
Total members @ Year 2: Oct 31/11	1,484		
Total members @ Year 1: Oct 31/10	449		

What’s been accomplished in the first 2 years?



Robust Membership (n = 2,000):

Members include: clinicians, managers and educators seeking research links; research trainees; faculty wishing to augment health services research skills; and, research-prepared nursing leaders in health authorities.

Table/Figure 1: InspireNet’s Current Membership

Connections:

- Website promotes members’ linkages with Health Authorities’ [Nursing Research Facilitators](#).
- Web-conferencing used to bridge geographical/institutional distribution.
- Searchable members’ database includes InspireNet members, their research interests, projects and grey literature.
- Database receives ~300 hits/month, provides tool for: finding mentorships, researchers/clinicians with specific research interests.

Knowledge translation:

- Members receive a biweekly [electronic newsletter](#) with new developments and website information about health services research.
- [Blog posts](#) facilitate members’ access to the expertise and perspectives of senior researchers and health system executives.
- ePoster Presentation Program provides opportunity for all members to virtually [‘Get Their Research Out’](#).
- [eCasebook](#) provides researchers/evaluators a place to share their project.
- 12 [Action Teams](#) and e-communities of practice engage in knowledge exchange and learning.

Research capacity building:

- Action Teams working to develop health services research agendas in selected areas.
- Teams connect virtually via password protected webpages and web-conferencing; new relationships/information.
- Research leadership development:
 - New teams of leaders directing Action Team activities
 - Annual Leaders' Retreat: opportunity for leaders of Action Teams, Leadership Council members, and Nursing Research Facilitators to collaborate on future directions and strategies.

Education:

- Virtual educational opportunities through other agencies (podcasts, webcasts, webinars) promoted via website, e-newsletter.
- InspireNet's popular annual fall [conferences](#).
- Webinars held monthly by Action Teams on specific topics, supported by published research articles.
- InspireNet provides graduate student placements focused on leadership and knowledge translation.

Skill development:

- Increased members' use of new technologies: Web 2.0 (i.e. interactive website); Webconferencing (Cisco WebEx); and Social media (Twitter, Facebook) to share: 1) newly emerging evidence and 2) opportunities for members to submit abstracts.
- Research tools available via website which currently receives about 2,000 hits per month.

Collaborative academic-health leadership approach:

- Strategic leadership is provided by a provincial [InspireNet Leadership Council](#).
- Organizational management is provided by the University of Victoria and Provincial Health Services Authority via sponsorship of InspireNet's [Co-leaders](#).
- Leadership for development of topic-specific health services research teams is provided by [Action Team Leaders](#).

How do InspireNet's activities support health system priorities?

Health System Priorities	Supportive InspireNet Activities
<p>Safety and Quality of Patient Care</p> <p>Healthy Workplace and Learning Environment</p> <p>Engaged, High Performing Health Workforce</p> <p>Health System Sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improved innovation, productivity and efficiency in delivery of health services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 12 Topic-focused Action Teams with e-communities of practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>e-Health, e-Technologies & Informatics</i> (n=100) • <i>Evidence Informed Practice</i> (n=18) NEW! • <i>First Nations Health</i> (n=24) • <i>Healthy Workplace Climate</i> (n=117) • <i>iPANEL</i> (n=32) NEW! • <i>Join the discussion with the NRFs</i> (n=10) • <i>Nursing Education & Research Rounds</i> (n=452) • <i>Nurse Educators' Scholarship</i> (n=81) • <i>Optimal Utilization of Advanced Practice Nursing Roles</i> (n=85) • <i>PHC Practice-based Research Challenge</i> (n=51) • <i>Practice-based Research Challenge</i> (n=27) • <i>Students</i> (n=5) NEW! ✓ Annual nursing health services research conference ✓ Bi-weekly e-newsletter linking to new website resources (e.g. quality improvement tools, learning opportunities)

What do members think? Survey comments (Spring 2011):

- ▶ "There is a real need to provide opportunities for individuals from across the province to connect and learn. InspireNet provides that opportunity. It eliminates barriers such as cost and geography."
- ▶ "Is a great initiative - nurses are central in health care research and it would be great to have more nurses involved in multidisciplinary research"
- ▶ "The extent of information on the site already is impressive; site is very easy to use."
- ▶ "I think InspireNet lives up to its name... I really like the idea that there is a resource available to me... the whole idea of actually participating in nursing research becomes less abstract and tangible".