

Telehealth Program News



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STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Telehealth Program is moving forward with the Faculty of Medicine IT Department in developing a Centre for Innovation in Health Technology. This is an exciting initiative that will build capacity in the sharing of resources such as people and infrastructure, as well as enhance the research, education, and service activities currently taking place in the Program. Details around the reorganization of the Telehealth Program within the Centre will be provided on an ongoing basis.

Judy Hunter
Telehealth Unit Manager

WELCOME

Kristy Phillion has joined the e-Health Industry Project as the Project Coordinator. Further, Marina Bonazzi will be working with Elisia Teixeira on the Corporate Wellness Project and Kim Pyra will be assisting Dr. Jennett on a variety of e-HI activities.

Greg Yelland is a new PhD student with the CHS Graduate Program with a focus in the area of Telehealth. In addition to being a graduate student, Greg is working with Dr. Hebert on the evaluation of the CHPSTP Program.

Shainur Premji has joined the HTU's Training Program as a Master's student. She anticipates working with Dr. Scott on economic aspects of e-health in the developing world.

We would like to welcome the Medical Doctor's Electronic Health Record Association (MDERA), who are now located in the Telehealth Program Lower Level space. Please come by and meet Maura Duncan the Project Manager.

HTU HIGHLIGHTS

Thank you to Dr. Toews and Mrs. Toews for hosting the Telehealth/e-Health Program potluck evening. Lots of food, fun, and conversation were had by all!

Digital Repository

The e-Health Digital Repository is available on our website (www.ucalgary.ca/telehealth) and contains grey salient e-health resources. If you have a presentation, report or article that has not been published elsewhere and you think it would be of value to your e-health/telehealth colleagues, we would be pleased to post it in the repository.



Demonstrations

Lifesize demonstrated their high definition videoconferencing equipment in September. Sony will be providing demonstrations on the morning and afternoon of Wednesday, November 2, 2006 of their HD technology. Contact Kristy Phillion at ehi@ucalgary.ca if you would like to attend.

The Telehealth Program provided hands-on demonstrations of the electronic health record, a remote monitoring device, telehealth peripherals, videoconferencing, and videophones to approximately 30 high school science students at the Medical Hall of Fame. All students seemed to enjoy themselves - as did the presenters!

MedIT Townhall took place on September 12, 2006. Sessions have been organized for the next few months to inform the Faculty about the services that are available or being looked at for the future. See their website for more information. (<http://www.uofchealth.com/MedIT>)

Seminars

The following presentations took place as part of the seminar series since the last newsletter. Presentations are archived on the website.

1. Isabelle Chouinard, Graduate Student - e-Health Consent
2. Dr. Marilynne Hebert, Telehealth Program - Philippines e-Mentoring Project
3. Dr. Barry Baylis, Calgary Health Region - Ward of the 21st Century

Remaining 2005 seminars:

1. Dr. Radwan Baroud, Graduate Student - October 26, 2006
2. Marnie Cleary, Calgary Health Region - Cardiac Post Op Project Evaluation, Nov 9, 2006
3. Harold Lipton, Calgary Health Region - Healthy Minds, Healthy Children, Nov 30, 2006
4. Eugene Igras - Integration of e-Health with Care Delivery, December 14, 2006.

REMINDER! Anyone can join a seminar through a webconference link - no matter where they are located. All you need is a PC computer with an internet connection. Let me know if you would like to be on our mailing list or if you would like to present at one of our sessions.

Conferences/Workshops

Many of our members attended the recent CST conference in Edmonton. It was an excellent event and we would encourage all those interested in e-health/telehealth to attend next year's conference in Newfoundland in early November. A list of e-Health Conferences & Workshops can be found on our website. This is kept very up to date. If you know of anything that might be of interest please send it to me and I will make sure to include it. Here is one that was recently submitted to me that you might be interested in:

Health Informatics Bootcamp - Nov 1 - Nov 3, Edmonton, Alberta: <http://hi.uwaterloo.ca/bootcamp>.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Isabelle Chouinard and Ashley Cote in the birth of their first son, Loic (pronounced Low-ick) Pascal Cote, on October 10th at 12:56 AM. He weighed in at 8 pounds 3 ounces and is 22 inches long. Baby and family are doing well, pets included!



More congrats to Isabelle on receiving the "Student Award" at the Canadian Society of Telehealth Conference for her presentation "Informed consent for videoconsultations in Canada: Toward recommendations using theoretical, legal, and practical perspectives."

Opportunity

USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN PAEDIATRIC CARE

A Project Consultant is required to develop a Strategic Plan for the "Use of Technology in Paediatric Care". The scope of this work is to develop a five to seven year strategic plan that will provide a foundation for the use of technology to deliver paediatric care closer to home in southern Alberta. Contact Sybil Young at Sybil.Young@CalgaryHealthRegion.ca or visit our website at www.ucalgary.ca for more details. Proposals should be received no later than 1400 hrs on Friday, October 27, 2006.

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