



2015 AbSPORU Studentship Award Recipients (10)

Meredith Brockway - University of Calgary

Project: *Exploring breastfeeding self-efficacy and assessing moderate-to-late preterm Infant feeding outcomes for FICare Alberta: A sequential explanatory mixed methods design*

Meredith is a registered nurse and PhD student in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Calgary. Her research project is being conducted in collaboration with the Maternal Newborn Child & Youth Strategic Clinical Network.

Serena Chen - University of Alberta

Project: *Falls and fear of falling in seniors after total joint arthroplasty*

Serena is a first year Master's student in the School of Public Health. She is passionate about her work with seniors and her study focuses on falling in seniors. Her work is highlighted in a video created with the Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit (AbSPORU) Career Development (CD) Platform team and videographer/ producer Asha Siad. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wb4u9mSz0qk&feature=youtu.be>

Amanda Deacon - University of Calgary

Project: *Is the performance of pediatric resuscitation team members affected by family presence?*

Amanda is a first year PhD student in the Pediatrics Department in the Cumming School of Medicine. Her project is designed to identify potential patient safety concerns in pediatric resuscitation care and move towards more fully understanding the interaction between family presence and team performance.

Stephanie Garies - University of Calgary

***Project:** Enhancing primary health care data in Alberta through linked electronic medical record and administrative databases*

Stephanie is a PhD student in the Community Health Sciences department at the Cumming School of Medicine. Through her project, which links primary care medical records with administrative data, Stephanie aims to contribute to our understanding of chronic disease burden over time, what treatments are effective, and how we can improve our health care system.

Chelsia Gillis - University of Calgary

***Project:** Predicting and improving surgical recovery in an Enhanced Recovery After Surgery setting*

Chelsia is a PhD student in Community Health Sciences department at the Cumming School of Medicine. Her work is intended to understand the characteristics that negatively impact the surgical experience for colorectal surgery patients. Patient input is a key aspect of the potential program that will be created from this work. Chelsia was awarded a **2017 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship**.

Kyle Kemp - University of Calgary

***Project:** Examines the relationship between the patient's rating of their experience while in hospital and linking with administrative hospital data sets to determine whether a better patient experience is associated with various patient outcomes*

Kyle is a PhD student in Community Health Sciences department at the Cumming School of Medicine. His research examines the relationship between the patient's rating of their experience while in hospital and linking with administrative hospital data sets to determine whether a better patient experience is associated with various patient outcomes. Kyle will be involving patients to validate the findings and provide feedback on the results.

Mackenzie Moir - University of Alberta

***Project:** A patient-oriented approach to developing end of life clinical communication tools in an era of legal reform on physician assisted death: A case study of ALS*

Mackenzie is a Master's student in the School of Public Health. She is engaging patients, family members and health care providers to inform her project, from design through to the development of guidelines. Mackenzie's project aims to understand the information seeking behaviours of ALS patients and their families, how the communications used influence perspectives and develop communications guidelines that reflect the informational needs and interest of patients.

Allison Norris - University of Alberta

***Project:** Evaluation of an arts based KT tool with children who have chronic pain: A study protocol*

Allison is a PhD student in the Faculty of Nursing. She is embarking on an innovative approach to engage with children who experience chronic pain. Allison will be working with children to develop a graphic novel about chronic pain that has the potential to improve the quality of life for these pediatric patients.

Marta Shaw - University of Calgary

***Project:** Evaluating the effectiveness of a participatory intervention development and implementation to improve patient knowledge of their Advance Care Planning Engagement*

Marta is a PhD student in the Community Health Sciences Department at the Cumming School of Medicine. She designed a project to evaluate increased quality care for patients through improved understanding, satisfaction with and engagement in Advanced Care Planning.

Lorraine Smith-MacDonald - University of Calgary

***Project:** Lost in transition: Soldiers' voices and the impact of spirituality for mental health and wellbeing of veterans*

Lorraine is a PhD student in the Faculty of Nursing. She developed a study to understand the impact of spirituality for mental health and well-being in veterans by seeking out the voices of soldiers. Her work is highlighted in an AbSPORU video.