OFFICE OF
INTERPROFESSIONAL
COLLABORATION

OIPC SAYS FAREWELL AND WELCOME BACK

Farewell to Dr. Amanda Condon,
Max Rady College of Medicine lead

Dr. Amanda Condon, the first Max Rady College of Medicine lead for the Office of Interprofessional Collaboration (OIPC), has devoted countless hours to the team. The OIPC would like to thank Dr. Condon for her many contributions to interprofessional collaborative practice, as well as for her insight, energy and creativity. We wish her well in her new position as associate dean of student affairs and wellness, postgraduate medical education.

Welcome back professor Laura MacDonald,
Dr. Gerald Niznick College of Dentistry lead

Professor Laura MacDonald has returned to the OIPC following a sabbatical. During 2018, she pursued work on her PhD focused on salutogenesis in the learning environment. Congratulations to Laura, who was the 2019 recipient of the University of Manitoba Dr. and Mrs. H.H. Saunderson Award for Excellence in Teaching. The OIPC would like to thank Kaleigh Warden for her work and valuable contributions to the team over the past year.

WELCOME DR. GAYLE HALAS,
the new chair of Interprofessional Collaborative Practice

Dr. Gayle Halas is a healthcare researcher, educator and leader. She has been a member of the University of Manitoba education and research community since 1999, first as a clinical instructor in dental hygiene, and more recently, as an assistant professor and research director in the department of family medicine at the Max Rady College of Medicine. She is also the director of the Manitoba Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovation Network, a CIHR strategy for patient-oriented research designed to connect people, resources and opportunities for research and knowledge sharing.

The role of the chair in interprofessional collaborative practice is to build upon collaborative relationships between educational and practice systems, thereby promoting excellence in patient care, quality and safety.

Throughout her research career, she has been a strong advocate for patients’ needs, education and interprofessional collaborative practice. Dr. Halas assumed her position as the inaugural Rady chair in interprofessional collaborative practice and assistant professor in the School of Dental Hygiene effective May 1, 2019, for a five-year term.

In her role as chair, Dr. Halas will have an affiliation with the OIPC. We look forward to working with Dr. Halas in her new and exciting role.
The second intake of Rady Faculty of Health Sciences students completed the two-year longitudinal IPC activities in April 2019. A total of 562 students (Figure 1) from nine programs participated in their interprofessional learning cohorts, ending with a final reflection and a capstone assignment. In the interprofessional capstone assignment student cohorts were responsible for planning a creative interprofessional community care clinic, which could meet all of the needs for a complex patient, through integrating the IPC and patient safety competencies and learnings from the past two years.

**STUDENT QUOTES**

“Reading the whole discussion, it's like a puzzle coming together to form one team and everyone is both proud of their own health care discipline as well as genuinely respectful of the other roles that go into effective patient-centred care.”

- PHARMACY STUDENT

“I'm appreciative for this opportunity to get to build interprofessional working skills and grow appreciation and understanding towards the other members of the healthcare team.”

- NURSING STUDENT

“Through our IPCC cohort, and assigned discussions and assignments, I have greatly grown as a student nurse. I learnt and applied the Interprofessional Competency Framework, as well as the Domains to Patient Safety, and will continue to utilize them throughout my future nursing practice.”

- NURSING STUDENT

**COMMUNITIES AND COLLABORATION SPRING SHOWCASE AND SYMPOSIUM**

**COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD AND ALAN KLASS COMMUNITIES AND COLLABORATION HEALTH EQUITY AWARD**

On May 1, 2019, the Office of Interprofessional Collaboration hosted the 3rd annual Communities and Collaboration Symposium. The symposium offered an opportunity for learners and community members to display collaborative projects and submit their projects for a chance to win seed funding to help their project grow. This year marked the first time we were able to offer a Community Impact Award as well as the Alan Klass Award. Thirteen posters were submitted for consideration for the Community Impact Award, and five posters were considered for the Alan Klass award. The recipient of the Community Impact Award was SWWAC: Sex workers of Winnipeg Action and Coalition. The Alan Klass Communities and Collaboration Health Equity Award went to ECRC: Elmwood Community Resource Center.

**Community Impact Award Recipient**

SWWAC:  Sex workers of Winnipeg Action and Coalition

Making things safer for all sex workers in Winnipeg, Treaty 1

**Alan Klass Communities and Collaboration Health Equity Award**

ECRC:  Elmwood Community Resource Center

Awakening Women’s Empowerment Project
Lauren Barker, BSW, RSW, and Charlene Connors BSW, RSW
This year also marked the first time we offered an Award of Excellence in Interprofessional Education in Outstanding Individual Leadership and an Award of Excellence in Interprofessional Education for Outstanding Team Role Models. These awards provide an opportunity for the OIPC and Rady Faculty to formally recognize individuals and teams who have had a significant impact on the interprofessional education of our students beyond the academic classroom.

Rady Faculty students were given the opportunity to nominate individuals and teams they felt went above and beyond modelling learning about collaboration in the workplace. The individual award for Outstanding Leadership in Advancing Interprofessional Education recognizes an educator in a community or hospital-based setting whose unique and innovative contribution has had a significant impact on students’ interprofessional education. This award went to Annaka Vermeylen, an occupational therapist at Riverview Health Centre.

**Award of Excellence in Interprofessional Education: Outstanding Individual Leadership**
**Annaka Vermeylen**

“Annaka's passion for collaboration was evident as she demonstrated enthusiasm, commitment and knowledge within the area. She made it a standard within her practice to incorporate and communicate with other professionals to ensure that her clients were provided with the best possible care,” the award nomination read.

Two teams received the award for Outstanding Role Models of Interprofessional Collaboration for Patient-Centred Care, which acknowledges teams that demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to mentoring and role modelling interprofessional collaboration. The recipients of this award were Co-Occurring Disorders Initiative (CODI Outreach) and the rehabilitation department at The Pas Health Complex.

**Award of Excellence in Interprofessional Education: Outstanding Team role Models**
**The Pas Health Complex, Rehabilitation Department**

"By validating and encouraging interprofessional collaboration at all levels, the team was successfully able to offer an outstanding quality of care and compassion … This exemplified to us as learners how it is possible to deliver the highest quality of patient-centred care through effective interprofessional collaboration," read the nomination.

**Award of Excellence in Interprofessional Education: Outstanding Team role Models**
**Co-Occurring Disorders Initiative (CODI Outreach)**

“It was wonderful to be part of a team that is so cohesive and supportive. My learning was enhanced by many mentors on the team, both within and outside the realm of [my profession],” read the award nomination.
FOCUS ON PATIENT SAFETY:  
FILM SCREENING & WORKSHOP

On May 1, 2019, the OIPC partnered with the Manitoba Institute for Patient Safety (MIPS) and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA) to screen the film *Falling Through the Cracks: Greg’s Story*. The film tells the story of a true event that took place within the Alberta health care system, which resulted in an unexpected death.

After the film screening, a panel responded to questions from the audience. The panel consisted of Dave Price, Greg Price’s father; Dr. Jeff Klassen, emergency physician and medical director, TeamSTEPPS Winnipeg; Helga Bryant, CEO Northern Health Region; and Lorna Doolan, family volunteer member, MIPS.

Following the panel discussion, the OIPC offered a workshop to share stories about patient safety and interprofessional collaboration using small groups, narrative and game theory teaching/learning strategies. Several groups voiced that safety and interprofessional collaboration are enhanced when we feel psychologically safe to be open and receptive to hearing each other’s stories.

Embracing the spirit of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute’s “shift to safety” message, the OIPC encourages everyone to continue talking, sharing, and as well, take action so that we create safe quality outcomes for one and all. The competencies of patient safety and interprofessional collaboration are intertwined and interdependent, resulting in quality and safe care.

OTHER IP EDUCATION EVENTS

**Interprofessional Pain Education Day**  
*April 23*

More than 260 students and 27 clinical facilitators from occupational therapy, physical therapy, pharmacy, medicine, clinical psychology, nurse practitioner and physician assistant programs took part in the fourth iteration of the interprofessional Pain Management Day.

A new case was introduced this year that incorporated stigma around chronic pain, gender and pain.

**Day Shift**  
*February 2*

Sixty-five students from the Rady Faculty took part in the Day Shift at the Helen Glass Centre for Nursing. Barb Goodwin, College of Nursing instructor and director of skills and simulation education, has been involved with IPE Day Shift since its inception seven years ago. She said the event is an excellent opportunity for students to use the knowledge gained in their own health-profession programs, but also see what students in other disciplines have learned and what their roles bring to a hospital setting.

**Health Professions Education Research Day**  
*April 24th*

The OIPC met with Dr. Lara Varpio, keynote speaker, before the Health Education Research Day to discuss qualitative research methods and methodologies relevant to Interprofessional research. The OIPC presented their poster, *Implementing a longitudinal interprofessional collaborative care curriculum (IPCC): Opportunities and lessons learned.*
IP PRACTICE INITIATIVES: NORTHERN/RURAL IP STUDENT PRACTICE PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TWO-WEEK INTERPROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
This summer, 25 students representing nine healthcare professions will experience an immersive interprofessional learning opportunity within one of six Indigenous Manitoba communities. This is the third year that Rady Faculty of Health Sciences students have had the chance to apply for this two-week learning experience. New this year, we have added two timeframes to accommodate student schedules and community requests, and we will be partnering with two new communities. The program is supported by the RBC Experiential Learning Travel Initiative.

SIX-WEEK INTERPROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES
This summer, there will be two placements that have been specifically designed as interprofessional opportunities. Students will collaborate to carry out programming together and will have co-preceptors representing both occupational therapy and physical therapy.

For the second year in a row, Ni-Niin-Jaan-Is-Ag in Ebb and Flow First Nation will be hosting a pair of interprofessional students in their programming that supports children through Jordan’s Principle. This opportunity is made possible with the collaboration between the Rehabilitation Centre for Children, who supports the occupational therapy and physical therapy preceptors who provide service to Ni-Niin-Jaan-Is-Ag.

Additionally, there will be a collaboration between Community Health Services on Elgin (physical therapy) and My Health Team-Downtown/Point Douglas (occupational therapy). The students will collaborate to deliver a “Lungtivity Program,” an exercise program for individuals with lung disease. This will be the second interprofessional placement offered this year by My Health Team. This past winter, My Health Team collaborated with Our Own Health so that students from occupational therapy, pharmacy and social work could work together to provide workshops on topics such as coping skills, vaping and cannabis use.

“What was the most rewarding, and particularly interesting experience, was working with another student … One thing I found specifically rewarding was the knowledge I gained surrounding the role of an occupational therapist … I could tell she viewed care through a different lens than I did. It was very useful to have her assist the patient in identifying barriers throughout their day and then helping them to come up with strategies to overcome them. On my end, I was able to share some knowledge surrounding medications, such as adverse effects and general pharmacology. My main takeaway from working with other health care professionals was that not only is it important to work directly with other roles to gain the best understanding of what they do, but also realizing that we have perspective and knowledge that we can share with each other.”

– PHARMACY STUDENT

HOME FOR THE SUMMER – INTERPROFESSIONAL EDITION
In collaboration with the Manitoba Health Care Providers Network, Northern Regional Health Authority and the OIPC, a Home for the Summer opportunity was created for four Rady Faculty students in Thompson, Manitoba. This eight-week project will provide the students from nursing, medicine and pharmacy with a chance to work collaboratively to develop health promotion strategies for older adults in the community.
Recent Presentations


- Jensen, F., Ateah, C., Condon, A., Fricke, M., MacDonald, L., Oliver, R., Warden, K. (2018, December 5-6). Implementing a Two-Year Interprofessional Education Curriculum: Opportunities and Lessons Learned. 21st World Congress on Nursing Education and Management, Chicago, IL.


Upcoming Events

- IP Practice Initiatives: Northern/Rural Practice Placements | June 2-14, July 14-26, July 21-August 2
- Year 1 IP Student Welcome and Face-to-Face Event | September 20
- Year 2 IP Student Welcome and Face-to-Face Event | September 13
- Collaborating Across Boarders VII | October 20-23
- MIPS, WRHA, and OIPC Collaborative Patient Safety Event | October 30