



## COVID-19 Update

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us all on a global scale and is not only affecting us mentally, emotionally, and physically, but also is expected to hinder our research progress.

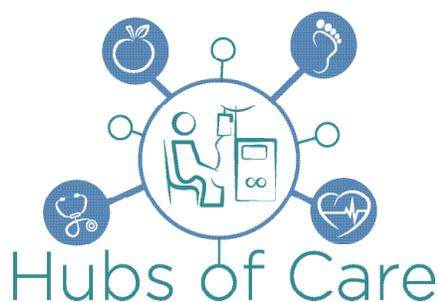
During this time of uncertainty, we must take proper safety precautions and therefore have temporarily suspended research activities involving face-to-face interaction with patients. Nevertheless, we are continuing to move forward and remain productive to our utmost ability!

## Wave 2 Project Updates:

### Hubs of Care

We are ready to move forward with the surveys which will help determine the types of healthcare providers that are needed and desired in in-centre hemodialysis units across Canada.

We will roll out the surveys once we are able to safely interact with patients and resume our regular research activities.



### Web-App 2.0 (Lena)

We are establishing collaborations with several researchers and organizations to develop Web-App 2.0, also called Lena. In its initial form, we are developing an app-based interactive educational platform where individuals with CKD on in-centre hemodialysis can individually choose which information they would like to receive by interacting with a virtual navigator. Once this prototype is developed, we will add additional features.

We have started discussions regarding collaborations with the following groups:

- The Kidney Foundation of Canada
- Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn and Ms. Maoliosa Donald from Alberta leading the Can-SOLVE 3.2 project, "Strategies to Enhance Patient Self-Management of CKD".
- Dr. Joanne Kappel and Dr. Carol Bullin from Saskatchewan leading the Can-SOLVE 3.3A project, "Improving Indigenous Patient Knowledge about Treatment Options for Failing Kidneys".

We will be partnering with a technology company called Bitstrapped to develop the app platform.

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## Knowledge Sharing

We are continuing to work on completing several manuscripts for submission in 2020:

- A protocol manuscript describing the methods and outcomes from our Wave 1 studies.
- Three manuscripts reporting qualitative analyses from the Phase 1 focus groups and interviews: Information, Interaction, and Individualization.
- A scoping review of hemodialysis interventions to address the top 10 challenges identified in Phase 3.

## Further Exploration

Congratulations to Dr. Clara Bohm and Priscila Ferreira Da Silva who were awarded a University of Manitoba Indigenous Research Program Grant.

This grant will support their study "Addressing challenges to care in Indigenous individuals on hemodialysis: An ethnographic study".



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Thank you for your involvement.

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