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Local Publication of the Week

Stromal Gene Expression Is Predictive for Metastatic Primary Prostate Cancer

Mo, F. and Collins, C.C. et al. | European Urology
UBC | BC Cancer Agency | SFU | GenomeDx Biosciences

Clinical grading systems using clinical features alongside nomograms lack precision in guiding treatment decisions in prostate cancer (PCa). The authors identify a robust prognostic signature to better distinguish indolent from aggressive PCa using whole-genome and whole-transcriptome sequencing of five PCa patient-derived xenograft models collected from independent foci of a single primary tumor and exhibiting variable metastatic phenotypes. [Read More](#)

Spotlight

Dr. Lynne Quarmby Talks Snow Algae, Politics, and Revamping One's Research Program

Science in the City

Dr. Lynne Quarmby is a professor in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry at Simon Fraser University. In addition to her roles as researcher and teacher, Dr Quarmby is an environmental activist concerned with the lack of evidence-based decision making, which led to her running in the 2015 federal election. [Read More](#)

Local News

Macular Degeneration Treatment Raises Risk of Glaucoma, Faculty of Medicine Researchers Find

UBC Faculty of Medicine

An epidemiological study by UBC Faculty of Medicine researchers has shown that repeated injections of a drug to treat macular degeneration is associated with a higher risk of needing surgery to treat glaucoma. [Read More](#)

Review of Microbiome Research in Brain Disease Finds Intriguing Associations in an Emerging Field

Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health

There is growing evidence suggesting that microbiota are associated with numerous neurological conditions. To understand how this happens, researchers have begun to explore the microbiome in much more detail than ever before. [Read More](#)

DNA Testing at BC Community Pharmacies Comes One Step Closer

Genome BC

Imagine if before taking a medication, you could walk into your local pharmacy and take a test that could

accurately predict whether the medication would work for you and the dosage best suited to you—all based on your DNA. This is the genesis behind a BC-based research project “Genomics for Precision Drug Therapy in the Community Pharmacy”, the first of its kind in North America. [Read More](#)

Science Life

Science and Society Must Collaborate in Setting Research Agenda

The Vancouver Sun

Initial results of the Canadian chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency (CCSVI) clinical trial for multiple sclerosis have demonstrated that the CCSVI procedure is ineffective. The outcome of the study serves as an important opportunity to reflect on the critical importance of the partnership between the public, scientists, and policymakers in setting research and funding agendas. [Read More](#)

Business Should Create More Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Roles for Women

The Vancouver Sun

In many countries, women are, and always have been, under-represented in STEM fields, but few companies have made measurable commitments to address the issue. [Read More](#)

A Graduate Student Committee Could Help Inform Canada’s Future Chief Scientific Advisor

University Affairs

Patterned after the existing Quebec model, such a committee would be an essential bridge between the chief science advisor and student researchers. [Read More](#)

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AMS Student Nest, UBC |
| April 6 - 7 | South Fraser Regional Science Fair
Kwantlen Polytechnic University – Surrey Campus |
| April 13 | Origins of Wine: The Golden Mile Bench
Telus World of Science |
| April 18 | An Evening to Discuss BC Politics, Women, and STEM
Big Rock Urban Brewery & Eatery |
| April 19 | LifeSciences BC Awards
Hyatt Regency Vancouver |

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STEMCELL Technologies Inc.

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Genome BC

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The Centre for Drug Research and Development

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Department of Microbiology & Immunology, UBC

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