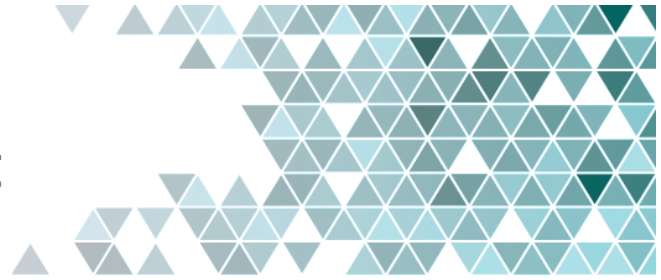


# BC Health Research Connection Project



## NOVEMBER 2019 Update



### Development phase is complete!

The development phase of the REACH BC platform is now complete! We would like to thank our partners and stakeholders for their continued involvement and support. There was a delay in the development earlier this year due to changes in our platform design and architecture requirements, but we are now moving along.

### Quality Assurance Testing

We are now conducting quality assurance testing on all aspects of the REACH BC platform from user account creation, research opportunity postings, the data matching engine, to e-mail notifications.

### Key Accomplishments to Date

- Partnership with UBC Faculty of Medicine MedIT for support and maintenance of REACH BC
- REACH BC marketing collaterals for print and digital display (e.g. brochure, posters, info cards)
- 1 minute video pitch on REACH BC (endorsed and approved by the Ministry of Health)
- Stakeholder engagement meetings with Stroke Recovery Group (Coquitlam Branch), Alzheimer's Society of BC, Patient Voices Network, UBC Clinical Research Ethics Board, Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research, Child-Sized KT project at BC Children's Hospital, UBC School of Kinesiology, and BC Children's Hospital Research Institute
- Orientation meeting with registration sites (health clinics, research groups)

### Partner with REACH BC

To ensure the program succeeds, we need your help.

Your organization can help by creating awareness and marketing support within your organization through the **REACH BC Ambassador Program**.

For more information contact Stefanie Cheah, Project Manager, [stefanie.cheah@vch.ca](mailto:stefanie.cheah@vch.ca)

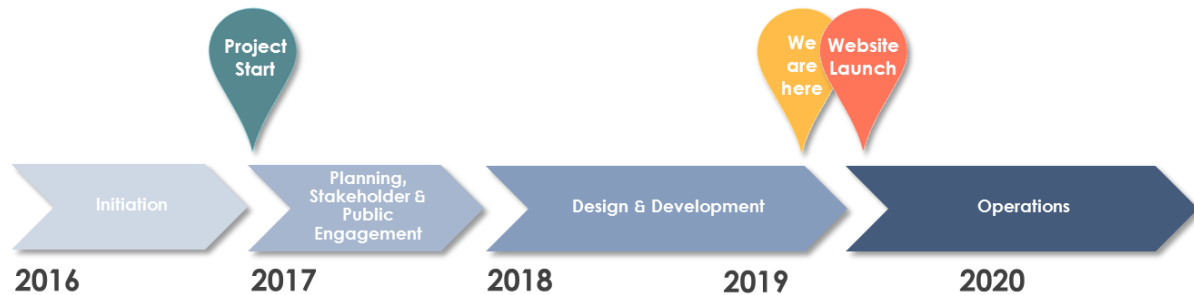


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## Upcoming Project Activities

- Complete set up of hosting environment and platform deployment tasks
- Finalize and submit the Security Threat Risk Assessment and Privacy Impact Assessment
- Pursue community partnerships and endorsements with health organizations in BC
- Begin pilot phase with registration sites to sign up volunteers into REACH BC
- Participate in the BC SUPPORT Unit provincial patient-oriented conference, [Putting Patients First](#), November 20, 2019, Vancouver

## Timeline



*Stefanie participating in the Halloween costume contest at Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute.*

## Get updates for the launch!

It is anticipated that REACH BC will launch in early 2020 following the completion of the pilot phase.

Please contact Stefanie Cheah, Project Manager, [stefanie.cheah@vch.ca](mailto:stefanie.cheah@vch.ca) to receive project updates, or for any questions and comments.

# REACHBC

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