

NETworks

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Celebrating our Successes! Dr. Maria Cristina Barroetavena



Dr. Maria Cristina Barroetavena is not only a Research Consultant at the BC Cancer Agency's Sociobehavioural Research Centre (SRC), and a Clinical Assistant Professor with the Department of Health Care & Epidemiology at UBC, but also a Co Investigator with the CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET. She has training in international health and occupational-related morbidity and mortality. Her interests include issues related to quality of life as well as the social and cultural determinants of health and well-being, and qualitative and quantitative methodology and measurement of psychosocial distress.

Our congratulations go out to Dr. Barroetavena. She works actively with a diverse array of palliative and end of life care stakeholders on projects that seek to improve our understanding about the barriers to equal access to cancer care. More specifically, her current research includes work with peoples of First Nations, Chinese, South Asian, Indo Canadian, as well as Iranian descent both in the Lower Mainland and abroad. She has also recently published work that explains cancer incidence and the ethnic differences in survival rates.

Deliverables: Research Informing Practice

In the third edition of NETworks, we made reference to how important it is that our CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET funded research proposals reflect specific outcomes or products (deliverables such as manuscript for publication, report, conference proceedings etc), many of which help bridge the knowledge to practice gap between researchers and decision makers. In keeping with the celebrating our success theme, we are pleased to report the following deliverables from Dr. Maria Cristina Barroetavena for 2007.

Posters

Barroetavena, M.C., & Regier, M.D. (2007, May). *Temporal and spatial trends in the place of death for BC First Nations communities*. Poster presented at the BCHPCA 2007 Annual Conference.

Regier, M.D., Bajdik, C.D., Hislop, T.G., Saroa, S.R., & Barroetavena, M.C. (2007, October). *Estimating Cancer Incidence in South Asians Using Mismatched Data*. Poster presented at the National Cancer Institute of Canada.

Barroetavena, M.C., Saroa, S.R., Hislop, G., & Bajdik, C. (2007, November). *A Cancer Incidence, Mortality and Survival of Indo Canadians, Chinese and Iranian in BC – 1990-1999*. Poster presented at the National Forum on Cancer Care for All Canadians: Improving Access and Minimizing Disparities for Vulnerable Populations.

Saroa, S.R., Barroetavena, M.C., Hislop G., & Bajdik, C. (2007, November). *A Identifying and classifying ethnicity, religion and language among BC South Asian Populations*. Poster presented at the National Forum on Cancer Care for All Canadians: Improving Access and Minimizing Disparities for Vulnerable Populations.

Publications

Ferro, M.A., Leis, A., Doll, R., Chiu, L., Chung, M., & Barroetavena, M.C. (2007). The impact of acculturation on the use of Traditional Chinese Medicine in newly diagnosed Chinese cancer patients. *Supportive Care in Cancer*, 15(8), 985-992.

Hislop, T.G., Bajdik, C.D., Regier, M., & Barroetavena, M.C. (2007). Ethnic Differences in survival for Female Cancers of the Breast, Cervix and Colorectum in British Columbia, Canada. *Asian Pacific Journal of Cancer Prevention*, 8(2), 209-214.

Hislop, T.G., Barroetavena, M.C., Bajdik, C.D., Saroa, S.R., & Yeole, B.B. (2007). Cancer Incidence in Indians from three areas: Delhi and Mumbai, India, and British Columbia, Canada. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 9(3), 221-227.

Upcoming Events: News you can use!

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization: 2nd Annual Conference on Access to Hospice and Palliative Care
Aug 18-20th, 2008 Minneapolis, MN.
<http://www.nhpc.org/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageID=5401>

17th International Congress on Care of the Terminally Ill
Sept. 23-26th, 2008 Montreal, QB.
<http://www.pal2008.com/index.html>

ANTEA Worldwide Palliative Care Conference
November 12-15, 2008 Rome, Italy.
<http://www.anteaconference2008.com/>

American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) 6th Annual Conference:
February 5-8 2009 Charlotte, NC, USA.
<http://www.apos-society.org>

Next Meeting: Let's get together.

Meeting request forthcoming for a face-to-face meeting in September.

We want to hear from you

Absence does not make the heart grow fonder – the CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET wants to hear from you as much as possible. We encourage you to let us know when you have or, better still, are close to publishing the results of research funded by the CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET. Please drop us a line at pweaver@bccancer.bc.ca

On the web.

Visit our website to find some of the CIHR Cross-Cultural Palliative Care NET deliverables to-date:

<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RES/ResearchPrograms/NET/Trainees.htm#3>

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