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Team Member Spotlight: Mwalu Peeters



We are pleased to introduce Mwalu Peeters, one of CRIC's research assistants. Mwalu is a registered dietitian nutritionist who holds a Masters of Science in applied human nutrition from the University of Guelph. His research interests span several areas, including integrated nutrition, health and social care, and the pursuit of equity within food and health systems. He employs patient-oriented, community-based, participatory, and anti-oppressive methods in his work. Currently, Mwalu is working on a project titled "Compensation-Related Barriers and Facilitators to Patient Engagement in Canadian Academic Health Research: Intersections with Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion." We are fortunate to have Mwalu on our team and look forward to collaborating on many more projects in the future.

Event Spotlight: Patients' Den



The Centre for Research in Integrated Care (CRIC), in collaboration with the Maritime SPOR SUPPORT Unit (MSSU), successfully hosted Patients' Den 2024 on October 8th, 2024. This innovative event, styled after the popular TV series Dragons' Den, brought together a dynamic community of researchers, patients, students, and members of the public for an evening of engaging presentations in healthcare.

At the heart of [Patients' Den](#) is its patient-centred approach to research priorities and funding decision-making. A panel of five patient partners from diverse backgrounds played a crucial role in evaluating and selecting the most impactful research projects. These panelists brought their invaluable lived experiences and insights from their respective journeys as patients and caregivers. The event was expertly emceed by Margaret Melanson, president and CEO of Horizon Health Network. Her engaging presence and facilitation ensured that the event flowed smoothly while keeping the audience captivated. Eight promising research proposals were presented. Four trainees and four early career researchers vied for funding to bring their innovative ideas to life. After thoughtful deliberation, the following winners were selected by the patient partner panel:

Trainee Researcher Winners (\$2,500):

[Jayda Veinot](#) – Dietitians' Experiences with Food Insecurity in New Brunswick
[Amanda Duffie](#) – Solo-Practice Physicians' Views on Team-Based Primary Care

Early Career Researcher Winners (\$5,000):

[Carly Demont](#) – Improving the FASD Diagnosis Referral Process for Youth
[Danielle Kent](#) – Using Nurse Practitioners to Improve Care in Long-Term Care Homes

Congratulations again to the winners!

Good News: The 2024 InnovateNB award



We would like to extend our gratitude to the [New Brunswick Innovation Foundation \(NBIF\)](#) for awarding [CRIC](#) a 2024 InnovateNB award for Innovation in Academia and Research. [Dr. Shelley Doucet](#) (CRIC Director) accepted this award on November 13th at the 2024 InnovateNB Celebration and Awards ceremony. This award recognizes individuals and research groups that have made a significant impact in the province of New Brunswick through research and innovation. This achievement was made possible through the dedication and hard work of the entire CRIC team.

Upcoming Events

We're hiring! Communications Specialist - Dec 5, 4 pm AT

The Center for Research in Integrated Care (CRIC) is hiring a Communications Officer! Interested candidates should [apply through Career Beacon](#). Be sure to apply before December 5th at 4 pm AT.

Primary Care Learning Series with Dr. Shelley Doucet - December 3rd, 12-1 AT - Virtually

[Register for this FREE series here](#)

Dr. Shelley Doucet will present "Innovating Health Systems: A Showcase of Research from the Centre for Research in Integrated Care". Dr. Shelley Doucet is the Jarislowsky Chair in Interprofessional Patient-centred Care, Professor in Nursing and Health Sciences, and Director of the Centre for Research in Integrated Care at the University of New Brunswick. Shelley's expertise lies in interprofessional patient-centred care, patient navigation, integrated care, and qualitative research. She has a broad pan-Canadian research network through her role as the New Brunswick research lead for the Canadian Primary Care Research Network (CPCRN).

Canadian Health Care Navigation Conference (CHNC) - April 23-24th - Virtually

The 5th [Canadian Healthcare Navigation Conference](#) will be held virtually on **April 23-24**, over two half days. The theme of the fifth annual conference is "Impact through implementation: Best practices in developing, establishing, and advancing healthcare navigation programs". [Get your tickets for CHNC 2025 here!](#) Abstract submissions are now OPEN, [submit your abstract](#) by **December 6th, 2024**.

Recent Publications

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