



# SPH SEMINAR SERIES

## Addressing Antibiotic Resistance in the True North and an Overview of Public Health Research at UBC Vancouver

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Australia and Canada share a great deal, including the challenge of developing coordinated national strategies against antimicrobial resistance. Such strategies are critical to mitigating the threat posed to health status and health systems by the emergence of resistant organisms. Their development is more complicated in federated states because of the distribution of responsibility for health among states, provinces and territories. We will discuss the key elements of a response strategy, contrast experience between countries, and overview how two provinces are engaging community prescribers in the work. We will conclude with a quick tour of research areas at the University of British Columbia School of Population and Public Health, with a view to introducing opportunities for collaboration for researchers at UQ.

**Date:** Thursday 13th April  
**Time:** 12-1pm  
**Room:** 113  
**Location:** Public Health Building, Herston

