

Women's Health Research

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Two new resources are now available to assist women with addictions and community groups that serve them in making decisions about participating in research. Prepared by researchers from the Women's Health Research Institute's Mental Health and Addictions Unit, the BC Centre of Excellence for Women's Health, UBC, and the University of Victoria, these guides summarize findings from a CIHR-funded study that examined how to better support the active and meaningful participation of women with substance use problems in health research.

Often seen as a "vulnerable population" in research and clinical settings, substance-using women also have rights to be included in respectful research that reflects their interests and priorities. *Your Rights in Research: A Guide for Women* and *When Researchers Come Calling: A Guide for Organisations that Work with Women* address both concerns, highlighting issues regarding informed consent, participant recruitment and retention strategies, the provision of honoraria or incentives, confidentiality, and reporting of research results. For more information about these guides or this study, please contact: Dr Deborah Rutman, Research Initiatives for Social Change Unit, School of Social Work, UVic, at: 250-721-8202 or drutman@uvic.ca