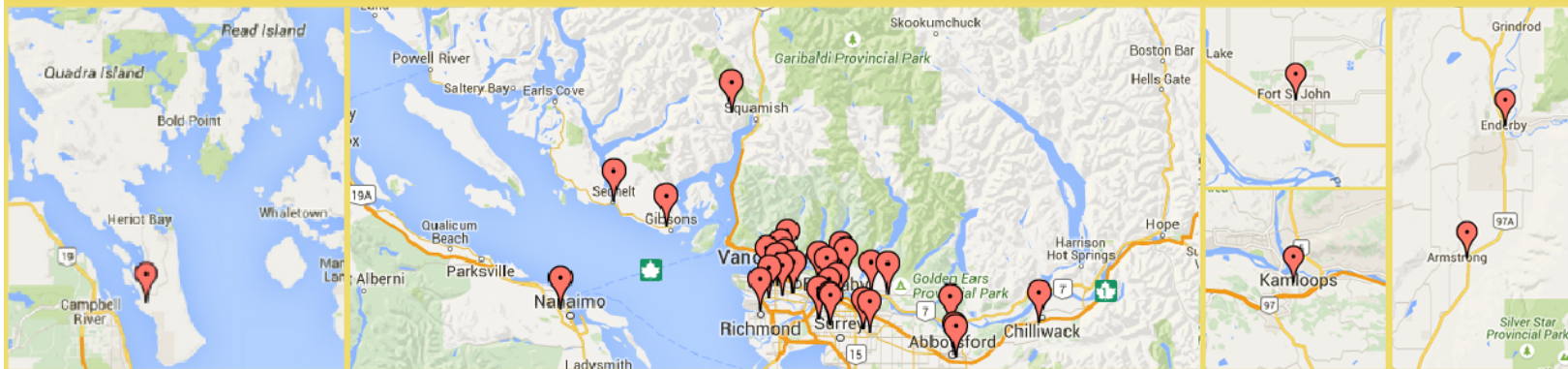




EmPhAsIS

Empowering Pharmacists in Asthma management through Interactive SMS

... Behind The Scenes Action!



EmPhAsIS Study Updates:

We still need your help in recruitment! At the time of publication we have **67 pharmacies and 123 participants enrolled**. Your efforts in recruiting patients make a big difference. Thank you for your determination.

EmPhAsIS Pharmacies Corner:

- Assigning one staff member (student, technicians) to do the recruitment might be helpful for busy pharmacies.
- **Advertising is key**, if you have your posters well in view, the patients who are interested will approach you.
- If you have Clinic days on asthma, please let attending patients know about the EmPhAsIS Study.
- If you need a refresher on how to conduct the EmPhAsIS Study in your pharmacy, please do not hesitate to contact us and our team will be happy to help!

EmPhAsIS Recognitions:

We would like to recognize the great work of **Dona Radomsky** and team of **Logan Lake IDA pharmacy** in Logan Lake as well as **Bernice Li** and team of the **The Drive pharmacy**, on Commercial Dr., Vancouver, who have each respectively enrolled 9 and 8 participants so far. Much appreciated!

Featured Research:

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Pharmacists' interventions on clinical asthma outcomes: a systematic review

Victoria Garcia-Cardenas¹, Carol Armour², Shalom I. Benrimoj¹,
Fernando Martinez-Martinez³, Inajara Rotta⁴ and Fernando Fernandez-Llimos⁵

This recent systematic review published in the European Respiratory Journal in December 2015:

- Identified 21 studies, including randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and non-randomized trials;
- Showed that **pharmacists' interventions** have a **positive impact** on asthma control, severity, and symptoms
- Highlighted the **need** for more work in this area, as only 7 RCTs and 2 cluster-RCTs (the same design used in the EmPhAsIS study) were identified

Pharmacy practice research is central to the evolution of the pharmacy profession and the EmPhAsIS Study will have an important part in **expanding the role of pharmacists** by adding new services with justified new remuneration models.

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