

Dr. Vicky Scott

Dr. Vicky Scott is the Senior Advisor for Falls and Related Injury Prevention for the British Columbia Injury Research & Prevention Unit and the BC Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport. Dr. Scott is a registered nurse and received her PhD in 2000 from the Faculty of Human and Social Development at the University of Victoria, where she held a position as Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing. She now holds an appointment at the University of British Columbia as Clinical Assistant Professor with the School of Public and Population Health and is the Chair of the BC Fall and Injury Prevention Coalition.

Her key objectives are to conduct original research at the National and Regional level, to facilitate evidence-based best practices for reducing falls and related injuries in all health care delivery settings and to assist the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport in transferring knowledge from falls prevention research into policy development.

Dr. Scott's research in the field of fall risk and prevention is widely published in peer reviewed journals, conference proceedings, policy reports and practice guidelines. Dr. Scott is the author of the World Health Organization's (WHO) background paper on Falls Prevention Policy, Research and Practice, and co-author of the WHO Global Report on Falls Prevention in Older Age. Recent projects include a controlled trial of falls prevention among home support recipients, a systematic review of falls risk assessment tools, guideline development for falls prevention in Assisted Living, and lead on the development, testing and implementation of the Canadian Fall Prevention Curriculum (CFPC).

Dr. Scott has been recognized for her work by the 2006 US Department of Veteran Affairs Patient Falls Prevention Research Award; the 2007 Canadian Institutes for Health Research Regional Knowledge Translation Award; and the 2008 BC Premier's Regional Finalist Award for Innovation and Excellence.