Call for Expressions of Interest
From Academic Researchers interested in developing and evaluating a bedside mobility assessment for healthcare providers assisting patients to move (patient handling)

Soteria Strains - a Nova Scotia health care strategy for the prevention of musculoskeletal injuries (sprains and strains) related to patient lift, transfer and repositioning - intends to include a bedside mobility assessment for healthcare providers assisting patients to move. The assessment will require the following elements:
- Quick and simple to administer and interpret,
- Predict risk of injury to healthcare providers associated with patient mobility status (including risk of patient falls and assistance required from provider for mobility)

Soteria Strains is seeking the services of an academic and/or medical researcher with requisite experience and qualifications to carry out a literature and jurisdictional review to design a suitable experiment to test the effectiveness of pre-existing protocols and/or create a protocol from evidence based elements.

Interested researchers are invited to apply by submitting the following application documents:
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of Motivation outlining how your experience, skills, qualifications and professional networks fit with the required deliverables (one page maximum)
- List of comparable publications authored
- Copies of the relevant articles/reports published through indication of www links or submission of PDF version of these via e-mail attachments
- Budget - not to exceed $20,000
- and timelines - project to be completed by no later than November 1, 2013

For further information on Soteria Strains injury prevention strategy please visit www.soteriahealth.ca and check out the white papers on evidenced based practice elements of a successful program and the business rationale for implementing an injury prevention strategy in Nova Scotia.

Please submit to Mark Williams at mark.williams@cdha.nshealth.ca by April 19, 2013.