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June 2009

RESEARCH EVENTS

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

June 1

The effect of arginine vasopressin on myocardial function after ischemia reperfusion injury – Toonchai Indrambarya

iCAPTURE Research in Progress Series
Gourlay Conference Room, SPH, 9-10AM

June 3

Dr. Patricia Spittal and Simone Carter

CHEOS Work in Progress Seminar
Hurlburt Auditorium, SPH, 12PM

June 5

Rho kinase inhibitors and statins: novel therapeutical interventions in asthma?

Dedmer Schaafsma, PhD
iCAPTURE Seminar Series
Gourlay Conference Room, SPH, 11:30AM

June 8

Small airway obstruction in COPD

John McDonough
iCAPTURE Research in Progress Series
Gourlay Conference Room, SPH, 9-10AM

June 12

Epithelial regulators of eicosanoid production in asthma – Teal S. Hallstrand, MD

iCAPTURE Seminar Series
Gourlay Conference Room, SPH, 11:30 AM

June 15

Data and knowledge modeling in support of clinical research – Soroush Samadian

iCAPTURE Research in Progress Series
Gourlay Conference Room, SPH, 9-10AM

June 17

Dr. Rob Stenstrom

CHEOS Work in Progress Seminar
Hurlburt Auditorium, SPH, 12PM

June 19

Environmental factors disrupting thyroid hormone function – How frogs in your backyard can contribute to heart and lung health – Dr. Caren Helbing

iCAPTURE Seminar Series
Gourlay Conference Room, SPH, 11:30AM

June 26

Allergen inhalation challenge: A model to assess mechanisms of asthma and novel therapies - Gail Gauvreau

iCAPTURE Seminar Series
Gourlay Conference Room, SPH, 11:30 AM

MESSAGE FROM YVONNE LEFEBVRE VP RESEARCH & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



As you know, research funding in Canada is undergoing some challenges both politically and economically. Both the federal Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR), Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the provincial Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) are responding to the new funding reality with strategic plans for the next few years. All three agencies are presently in the consultation phase and are inviting feedback from Canada's health research community.

MSFHR CEO Dr John Challis presented a new strategic framework for health research in BC to the PHC research community on May 27th. The discussion document has been posted on their website and the Foundation is encouraging commentary from the research community across BC. I encourage all of you to send MSFHR your comments: www.msfhrstrategicplan.org.

Nationally, the CIHR has posted its draft strategic plan on its website. The "Health Research Roadmap 2009-14" will guide the institutes through these uncertain times. CIHR President Dr. Alain Beaudet has invited the Canadian health research community to share their input on the draft plan before June 12th: www.cihr.ca/e/39188.html. Also on the national funding scene, the CFI received \$600 million in the 2009-10 federal budget. Last month the CFI invited consultation from the Canadian research community in order to inform its strategic plan. Resulting from the recent consultation process, a funding competition announcement is expected before the end of the year: www.innovation.ca/en/news?news_id=129

The economic downturn has had a substantial impact on local foundations. The Vancouver Foundation has cancelled their 2009 health research competition. This is a worrisome example of the erosion of health research funding as charities and donors make difficult decisions on how best to invest reduced resources. As research funds become scarce, the quality of grant applications needs to improve. The Research Institute is offering a Grant Writing Workshop on June 25th.

A quick update on the Research Space Needs Study: In May the project focused on meetings with the research centres and the Hospital division and department heads. A draft report will be circulated in June to the stakeholders and meetings will be held providing an opportunity for discussion and consultation on the recommendations.

-Yvonne Lefebvre

PHCRI RESEARCHER PROFILE

Jagbir Gill, MD, FRCPC

Transplant Nephrologist, PHC; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine, UBC; Research Scientist, CHEOS; St. Paul's Hospital Foundation Physician Scholar Awardee

Research Interests

- Clinical outcomes in kidney transplant recipients
- Deceased organ donation
- Transplant tourism



UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

- June 18
Vancouver Foundation Grant Cycle
- July 3
Emerging Team Grant: Alliances in Mobility in Aging
- July 15
DoD Prostate Cancer Pathology Resource Network Awards
- July 20
CIHR Emerging Team Grant: HIV/AIDS Vaccine Discovery and Social Research - LOI
- July 31
BCRRHRN Conference Travel Bursary
- Faculty of Medicine CFI Leaders Opportunity Fund
- August 17
The Lawson Foundation Diabetes Funding Opportunity

JUNE LUNCH and LEARN EVENTS

- June 2- Toastmasters
- June 11- Tillie Hackett: Taking charge of your summer research training
- June 16- Toastmasters
- June 23- Dr. David Walker: Reflections upon being a graduate student: Stories from 7 years of graduate advising
- June 25- Dr. Bruce McManus: Careers in Science

These events will be held in the Gourlay Conference Room, SPH, 12–1PM. For more information contact Jacqui Brinkman

RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD AUGUST DATES For Full Board Review

REB Meeting
Friday, August 28

Submission Deadline*
Friday, August 7, 4:00 pm

* Submissions must be approved by the Department Head and entered in RISE by this time. It is recommended that applications be sent to the Department Head at least 3 days in advance of the submission deadline.

Note: there is no REB meeting held in July

RESEARCH EVENTS

JUNE 4: CIP Research Day 2009

The UBC Clinician Investigator Program (CIP) in collaboration with the iCAPTURE CIHR/HSFC IMPACT Strategic Training Program presents the 8th Annual CIP Research Day 2009. Gourlay Conference Room, St. Paul's Hospital from 1-6PM. For information, contact [Tessa Feuchuk](#).

JUNE 8-9: CDRD Conference

"Charting the Course to Commercialization: CDRD's Inaugural Conference on Drug Research & Development."

[Registration Link](#)

JUNE 15-16: LifeSciences BC GCP Workshop

The Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Survival Skills for Clinical Research

Professionals course is designed to provide an overview of GCP. Location: QLT 887 Great Northern Way. [Registration Link](#)

JUNE 17: LifeSciences BC Breakfast Speaking Series

"Life Sciences Innovation and Commercialization; Creating Better Health and Better Wealth for B.C." Featuring Dawn Graham, President, Merck Frost Canada. 7:30-9:30AM, Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. [Registration Link](#)

JUNE 24: Population Data BC Special Presentation

Dr Morris Bauer, Director, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research presents a health services research overview. For more information contact [Mary Luk](#).

JUNE 18: PHCRI Researchers Abroad Lecture Series

Please join us for lunch as we highlight the international-calibre research being conducted by researchers at Providence. Speaker: Dr. Thomas Kerr, 12–1 PM, Hurlburt Auditorium. See poster below for details. [Registration Link](#)

JUNE 25: PHCRI Grant Writing Workshop

On June 25th the PHCRI and the BC Environmental and Occupational Health Research Network (BCEOHRN) will be offering a grant-writing workshop at St. Paul's Hospital. For information contact [Meg Hughes](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Sam Wiseman, selected as one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40™



Congratulations to Dr. Sam Wiseman, St. Paul's Hospital general surgeon and research scientist with the Genetic Pathology Evaluation Centre. Dr. Wiseman is a recipient of a Canada's Top 40 Under 40™ Award for 2009.

[Canada's Top 40 Under 40™](#) is a prestigious national award program, which annually honours 40 Canadians in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors under the age of 40. Designed to promote professional development, mentorship, and awareness, Canada's Top 40 Under 40™ introduces leaders to the business community and the general public, and promotes them as role models for other aspiring young Canadians.

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RESEARCHERS ABROAD

Title: *HIV Risks And Other Drug-related Harms Among Injections Drug Users in Thailand: Evidence From The Mt Sampan Community Research Project*

Speaker: Thomas Kerr, PhD
Director, Urban Health Research Initiative BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS; Assistant Professor, UBC Department of Medicine

June 18, 2009 12-1PM
Hurlburt Auditorium, St. Paul's Hospital

RSVP is required as lunch will be served:
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