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What's New in Research?

Research and Performance Support (RPS) is hosting the first annual *Research Showcase* on June 15, 2007. The goal of this half-day conference is to increase awareness and recognition of research and knowledge exchange activities occurring within the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and to facilitate the sharing of knowledge obtained through local activities. The conference will feature a poster session, podium presentations from local initiatives, key note speaker Dr. Shoo Lee, and wine & cheese networking reception.

All staff, residents, interns, or external affiliates are encouraged to attend and/or submit an abstract for presentation at *Research Showcase 2007*. Eligible projects include not only conventional research studies, but all types of program evaluations, demonstration projects, and quality assurance or quality improvement initiatives that were initiated, or in progress,

as of September 1, 2005. Visit the RPS website for the full submission guidelines and information on how to prepare an abstract.



RESEARCH SHOWCASE 2007

Putting RQHR Research on the Map

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Friday June 15, 2007

Wascana Rehabilitation Centre Auditorium

11:00 am	Poster set-up
12:00 pm	Public viewing of posters
2:00 pm	Adjudication
3:00 pm	Keynote speaker, Dr. Shoo Lee, and podium presentations
4:30-6:00 pm	Wine and cheese reception

Deadline for abstracts: April 16 2007
Registration deadline: June 1 2007

Keynote Speaker for Research Showcase 2007

The keynote speaker for Research Showcase 2007 is Dr. Shoo Lee. Dr. Lee received his



medical degree from the University of Singapore, completed pediatric training in Newfoundland, neonatal fellowship training at

Boston's Children's Hospital, and received his PhD in Health Policy (Economics) from Harvard University. He holds a Canada Research Chair (Tier I) in Knowledge Translation and Healthcare Improvement.

Currently, Dr. Lee is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Alberta, and Scien-

tific Director of the Integrated Centre for Care Advancement through Research (iCARE). He is the Director of the Canadian Neonatal Network, and has developed a national Canadian database to study outcomes and practice variations in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), develop models for healthcare improvement, and guide health policy. He patented risk prediction and health informatics systems for neonatal care and is currently developing models to facilitate translation of research and knowledge into clinical practice and health policy to improve quality of care. In addition, Dr. Lee has worked actively to develop health care and health training in developing countries.

Dr. Lee will speak about his experiences with the iCARE initiative and the challenges and opportunities facing health regions.

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NEW!

RQHR Research Associates

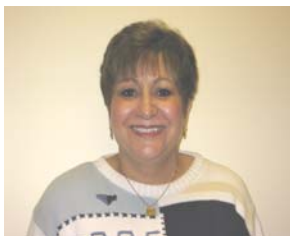
Are you looking to collaborate with someone on a special project in your department? Visit the RPS website to view information about our newest **External Research Associates!**

Short biographies and a list of their key research interests make it easy for you to connect with researchers external to the RQHR.

"Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they are blind."

~ Marston Bates

New Additions to Research and Performance Support



RPS welcomes Linda Howie, Confidential Administrative Assistant, to the team! She and her husband moved to Regina last summer and we are

pleased to have her join our team. Linda brings extensive experience in administration from being employed with the Calgary Health Region, numerous oil companies in Alberta and more recently, with another department in the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. Linda can be reached at 766-5451.

Also joining the RPS team is Nicole Aitken! She has been doing research consulting for the RQHR for the past 10 months and has now joined the RPS team as a full-time research assistant. Nicole has a background in both qualitative and quantitative research methods and brings over 4 years of research experience to the team. She graduated from the University of Regina with a BA Honours in Psychology and

will be embarking on Graduate studies soon focusing on the health and well-being of precarious populations. Nicole can be reached at 766-5573.



Research in the Region

A summary of research projects approved by the RQHR Research Ethics Board (January 15, 2006 to April 1, 2007)

A double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, multicenter study to assess the efficacy and safety of darbepoetin alfa treatment on mortality and morbidity in heart failure (HF) subjects with symptomatic left ventricular systolic dysfunction and anemia: RED-HF Trial - Reduction of Events with Darbepoetin alfa in Heart Failure. Investigators: Dr. R. Zimmermann (Cardiology).

Evaluation of cinacalcet HCl therapy to lower cardiovascular events. Investigators: Drs. S. Karunakaran & B. Prasad. (Nephrology).

Knowledge and awareness of emergency contraception amongst men and women presenting to the Family Medicine Unit (Regina): A survey. Investigator: Dr. E.A. Savoy (Family Medicine Unit).

Understanding factors contributing to basic motor abilities, self-care, and play of young children with cerebral palsy. Investigators: L. Chiarello, R. Palisano, P. Popick, P. Norman (WRC Children's Program).

A multicentre, open label, treatment protocol of the human anti-TNF monoclonal antibody adalimumab in Canadian subjects with moderate to severe Crohn's disease (ACCESS). Investigators: Dr. J.D. McHattie (Internal Medicine).

A review of clinical risk assessment and management approaches in Saskatchewan adult inpatient psychiatric unit, forensic units, and correctional institutions. Investigators: Dr. P. Woods, S. Grandish (Inpatient Mental Health Services).

Drug use evaluation (DUE) of Caspofungin within the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region. Investigators: N. McGill, A. Simmons (Pharmacy).

The effect of menstrual phase and successful bilateral placement of the Essure micro-insert coil sterilization device. Investigators: Drs. J.A. Thiel

& C. Lett (Obstetrics and Gynecology).

The relation of income to prevalence of self-reported chronic diseases in Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region using the 2005 Canadian Community Health Survey 3.1 (CCHS). Investigators: Dr. Z. Abbas, J. Tieszen (Population and Public Health).

The role of activity restriction in the prediction of seniors' falls, pain and functional ability. Investigators: Dr. T. Hadjistavropoulos, T. Dever (Psychology).

Measuring and improving the patient's experience of care in Saskatchewan's acute care setting. Investigators: Dr. G. Teare, N. Wohlgemuth (Health Quality Council).

Clinical outcomes of complex myocardial revascularization. Investigators: Dr. A. Moustapha, C. Hart (Surgery).

Saskatchewan Aboriginal women's post-partum depressive experiences: A qualitative exploration. Investigators: Dr. M. Hampton, P. Beattie (Psychology).

The perceptions of clients and surrounding decision makers at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre of long term PEG's and PEJ's. Investigators: R. Nasser, S. Wan, H. Lines, C. Dunphy, M. Okwengu (Nutrition and Food Services).

Preterm post discharge NICU feeding practices and factors that influence caregivers' feeding decisions in the RQHR. Investigators: R. Nasser, A. Broad, J. Kidd, T. Hornung, N. Ferrara (Nutrition & Food Services).

Peripheral parental nutrition. The use of heparin and hydrocortisone: Current Canadian Practices. Investigators: R. Nasser, M.I. Brasnett, J. Code, R. Poole, J. Striha, A. Stevenson (Nutrition and Food Services).