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What's New in Research?

A general call for abstracts for Research Showcase 2008 has begun (see article on this page). Please consider sharing the results of your research, quality improvement, quality assurance or knowledge exchange activities at this event.

The final presentation in the RPS research lecture series is scheduled for January 28. Join us in the WRC Auditorium from 1:00—2:30 pm for the presentation “Data, Data Everywhere...and Not a Byte to Crunch”. Please call or email RPS to register.

New Addition to RPS!

Jill Zimmer (LL.B) has joined RPS as Manager of Research Administration. Jill graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Laws in 2001. Her background in research administration is primarily in academic settings, first at the University of Regina Office of Research Services as a Contracts Officer, and most recently as Agreements Manager, Natural/Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of Alberta Research Services Office. As such, she has been involved in the review and negotiation of industry and government funded research contracts, inter-institutional collaborations, as well in the administration of peer-reviewed competitive granting programs.

Jill's responsibilities with the RQHR will include the review of externally funded research contracts, including clinical trial agreements, and the development of research administration policies to assist RPS in meeting its goal of promoting and actively conducting health care research and development.



We welcome Jill to the team. She can be reached by phone at 766-5384 or by email at Jill.Zimmer@rqhealth.ca

Call for Abstracts



RESEARCH SHOWCASE 2008 Putting RQHR Research on the Map

Research and Performance Support (RPS) is hosting its second annual *Research Showcase* on June 13, 2008. The goal of this half-day conference is to increase awareness and recognition of research occurring within the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and to facilitate the sharing of knowledge obtained through local research activities. The conference will feature a poster session, podium presentations from local research initiatives, a keynote speaker, and a wine and cheese reception.

All staff, residents, and interns who have been involved in any type of research activities within the past 20 months are urged to participate in this special event. Eligible projects include not only conventional research studies, but all types of program evaluations, demonstration projects, and quality assurance or quality improvement initiatives. Visit the RPS website for the official *Call for Abstracts* and other important information: <http://www.medi-fax.com/rhd/crdp/Showcase2008/Showcase2008.html>. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for information on how to prepare an abstract.

**MARK JUNE 13 IN YOUR CALENDAR FOR RESEARCH SHOWCASE 2008
DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS MARCH 31**

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Check-out the RPS Website!

Find all of the latest news on research, grants, knowledge exchange, and Research Ethics Board guidelines and policies on the RPS website!

<http://www.medi-fax.com/rhd/crdp/>

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Research Spotlight: Preparing an Abstract

The most important strategy for preparing an abstract is to focus on four main points: Why the work was done, how the work was carried out, what was found, and potential implications. This information is typically conveyed through the following sections:

Title: A concise reflection of the contextual information and aims of the study

Authors and affiliations: Restricted to those who conducted the study, with the first author having conducted most of the work

Introduction & Background: Provides information as to why the study was conducted and a concise hypothesis or research objective

Methods and results section: Describes the design of the study and details what was found in the study; should include data in non-subjective terms

Conclusion: Lists potential implications and the importance of the study

Helpful Hints:

- * Limit word count to 350 words or fewer
- * Use simple, declarative statements
- * Avoid jargon and specific names of drugs and devices, unless central to the study
- * Spell check, spell check, spell check!

Please refer to our website or contact our department for more detailed instruction

Research in the Region

A summary of RQHR research projects approved by the Research Ethics Board between October 1, 2007 and January 15, 2008.

Building community and public health nursing capacity. Investigators: B. Schoenfeld & M. Granger (Nursing/Public Health).

Serum vitamin D levels in elderly people in the Family Medicine Unit—Regina. Investigators: Drs. F. Aghajafari, A. Guzinski, M. Akot, & S. Javid (Family Medicine Unit).

A 5-year registry study of Humira (Adalimumab) in subjects with moderately to severely active Crohn's disease (CD). Investigators: Dr. J. D. McHattie, J. Taylor, & A. MacDonald (Gastroenterology).

Conscious sedation versus oral analgesia for hysteroscopic tubal sterilization using the essure method. Investigators: Drs. J. A. Thiel & A. Lukwinski (Obstetrics/Gynecology).

Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Child and Youth Services/Ehrlo community services partnership: recreation and respite project. Investigators: Dr. K. Wright & S. Stulberg (Child and Youth).

Physiological, psychological, and situational factors associated with fatigue in first-time mothers and fathers during the transition to parenthood. Investigators: Dr. L. Loutzenhiser, A. D. Bathgate, M. Thompson, P. Sevigny, & M. Granger (Psychology).

CASSIOPEA Clinical study assessing SSR126517E injections once-weekly in pulmonary embolism therapeutic approach. Investigators: Drs. P. Duffy & H. Rehman. (Internal Medicine).

A Canadian, multi-center, prospective, open-label, observational, pharmacovigilance study to assess the safety of reduced volume Humate-P ivr (infusion volume reduced) in patients transitioning from treatment with currently available Humate-P. Investigator: Dr. R. Deveraj (Hematology Laboratory).

A randomized, double masked, active controlled phase III study of the efficacy, safety and tolerability of repeated doses of intravitreal VEGF trap in subjects with neovascular age-related macular degeneration. Investigator: Dr. R. Garcia. (Ophthalmology).

The experience of fatigue in postpartum women in hospital. Investigators: Dr. R. Evans, A. Hoffmeyer & J. Found. (Nursing).

The determinants of tuberculosis transmission in the Canadian-born population of the prairie provinces. Investigators: Drs. V. Hoepfner, S. Abonyi, H. Ward, & K. McMullin (Division of Tuberculosis Control).

Evaluation of a Family and Adolescent Skills Training (FAST) group for use with multi-problem adolescents in an outpatient community mental health setting. Investigators: M. Tuttle, Drs. R. Shercliffe, & M. Hampton (Child and Youth).

A comparison between traditional nutrition supplements and medication pass in long term care. Investigators: R. Nasser, C. Abrametz, J. Pearson, E. Bernath, & J. Coleman (Nutrition).

Myopics shifts secondary to the use of gas tononades during vitrectomy surgery. Investigators: Dr. R. Garcia (Ophthalmology).

Evaluation of the effect of additional staffing as support for the implementation of the changed model of care on the mother baby unit. Investigators: Dr. R. Evans & S. Garratt (Nursing).

Assessment of renoprotective angiotension therapy, cardiovascular risk improvement and nephrologists acceptance of pharmacist's recommendations in patients with chronic renal insufficiency. Investigators: A. LaFontaine, Dr. B. Semchuk, B. Geall, & P. Ricci (Pharmacy).

Radiochemotherapy in the organ preservation treatment of anal carcinoma-retrospective analysis. Investigators: Dr. K. Rashmi & A. Dubey (Oncology & Medicine).

Pharmacy services in the emergency department: a survey of Canadian hospitals. Investigators: L. Richels, Dr. B. Semchuk, L. Kolodziejak, C. Phillips, J. Taylor, A. Macil, S. Freriks. (Pharmacy).

"Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence."

~ Abigail Adams (1744-1818)