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What's New in Research?

Research and Performance Support (RPS) hosted the second annual Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Research Showcase on June 13th at the Conexus Arts Centre. The goal of this half-day event was to increase awareness and recognition of research and knowledge exchange activities occurring within the RQHR. Over 120 staff, residents, interns, and external affiliates were in attendance.

Attendees were treated to a day of poster viewing (a total of 46 research posters were contributed this year), and podium presentations from local researchers, highlighting some of the most innovative research within the Region. Showcase 2008 also included award presentations, networking reception, and a keynote address from Mr. Irving Gold.



Dr. Derrick Larsen (Executive Director, RPS), Irving Gold (Keynote Speaker), and Carol Klassen, (Vice President, Corporate Services).

Mr. Irving Gold, Vice President for Government Relations and External Affairs for the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada, spoke about current trends in research. In his address, he touched on the importance of knowledge dissemination and knowledge exchange brokering, arguing that the use of knowledge brokers to facilitate the dissemination research can reduce mutual mistrust between policy makers and researchers. As research funding becomes progressively more difficult to obtain, and its distribution is determined by federal priorities, it is crucial for researchers to make the knowledge acquired through research accessible to the policy makers who determine these priorities.

More information can be found about the event on our website.

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Check-out the RPS Website!

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

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Research Showcase 2008 Awards of Excellence

RQHR Research Showcase awarded three research teams with \$500 bursaries to assist the teams in sharing their research beyond the Region. An external, three member expert panel rated the submitted abstracts on 10 criteria. This year's award winners are:

Clinical Outcomes of Complex Myocardial Revascularization. Investigators: C. Hart, K. Dickson, A. Bell, Dr. L. Dewar, Dr. S. Korkola, Dr. J. Tsang, and Dr. A. Moustapha.

Waiting for Vascular Care: Wait Times for Care of Symptomatic Carotid Stenosis. Investigators: R. Morissette, Z. Poonja, Dr. D. Kopriva and Dr. D. McCarville.

Spinal Cord Stimulation Versus Conventional Medical Management for Failed Back Surgery Syndrome: Long-term Results from the Process Study. Investigator: Dr. K. Kumar.



Caroline Hart, Carol Klassen (Vice President, Corporate Services) and Dr. Ahmad Moustapha.

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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 key research interests make it easy for you to connect with researchers external to the RQHR.
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Research in the Region

A summary of RQHR research projects approved by the Research Ethics Board between April 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008.

Effect of Fiber Supplements on the Lipid Profiles and Glucose Levels of Elderly Type II Diabetic Patients. Investigator: Dr. S. Johnson (Kinesiology and Health Studies & MEDEC).

A Prospective, Randomized, Double Blind, Double-Dummy, Parallel Group, Multicenter, Event-Driven, Non-Inferiority Study Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of Once-Daily Oral Rivaroxaban (BAY 59-7939) with Adjusted-Dose Oral Warfarin for the Prevention of Stroke and Non-Central Nervous System Systemic Embolism in Subjects with Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation: Study Code: 39039039AFL3001. Investigators: Drs. R. Zimmermann and A. Lavoie (Cardiology).

A Randomized Trial to Evaluate the Effect of Adjunctive Antiplatelet Therapy with Intravenous PRT060128, a Selective P2Y₁₂ - Receptor Inhibitor, Before Primary Percutaneous Intervention in Patients with ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (ERASE-MI: Early Rapid Reversal of Platelet Thrombosis with Intravenous PRT060128 Before PCI to Optimize Reperfusion in Acute MI); Study Code 07-113. Investigators: Drs. R. Zimmermann and A. Lavoie. (Cardiology).

Étude Pilote sur les Déterminants D'accès et D'utilisation des Services en Français dans les Institutions de Longue Durée en Saskatchewan (Pilot Study on the Determinants of the Access to and the use of the Services in French by Francophone Seniors Living in Long Term Nursing Homes in Saskatchewan. Investigators: Dr. J.M. Nkongolo-Bakenda, S. Baker, L. Racine, and A. Leis (U of R, Business Administration).

System Longevity Study: Chronic Lead Study. Investigators: Dr. J. Tsang, and J. Fedirko (Cardiology).

Research and Community Alliance for Quality of Life in Long-Term Care (Environmental Scans). Investigators: Dr. T. Hadjistavropoulos, S. Kaasalaine, L. Thorpe, and J. Williams (U of R, Psychology).

The Effect of Warfarin use on the Risk of Prostate Cancer Death (Warfarin & Prostate Ca Death). Investigators: Dr. M.R. Stang, and V. Tagalakis (Population & Public Health).

Treatment Comparison for West Macular Degeneration. Investigators: Dr. R. Garcia, Dr. R. Varma, and D. Ehmann (Ophthalmology).

The Disease Ecology of Chlamydia Trachomatis under a Unified Immunological-Epidemiological Dynamic Model. Investigators: Dr. M. Hennink, D. Vickers (student), Dr. N. Osgood, Dr. Z. Abbas (Population & Public Health).

Mental Health Care Utilization and Psychiatric Disorders in Childhood and Early Adolescence of Premature Babies Discharged from Neonatal Intensive Care. Investigators: S.K. Damodharan, S. Bobbit (student), M. Erdelyn, and Dr. K. Falkenberg (Child and Youth).

Prognostic Factors Depicting Disease Specific Survival in Parotid Gland Tumors. Investigator: R. Koul (Oncology and Medicine).

Are the RQHR Formulary Restriction Criteria for the use of Vancomycin being Adhered to? Investigators: Dr. C. Bubbar, Dr. L. Sultz, I. Zulyniak, Z. Dumont, A. Wiebe (residents), and L. Kolodziejak (Pharmacy).

Evaluation of a Novel, Serum-Based Biomarker Screening Test for Colorectal Cancer. Investigators: Drs D. Lehotay, H. Elshoni, J. Tonita, S. Ritchie, and J. McHattie (Gastroenterology).

An Investigation into the Incidence and Management of the Hyposplenic State in the Province of Saskatchewan. Investigators: Dr. M. Brigden, and D.A. Porter (student) (Saskatoon Cancer Centre).

Evaluation of a Medication Information Booklet in a Chronic Renal Insufficiency Clinic. Investigators: J. Dyck, C. Bodnar, B. Geall, L. Gross, C. Herod, B. Lang, A. Martinson, V. Neison, P. Ricci, J. Toppings, and J. Troy (Pharmacy).

Laparoscopic Partial Nephrectomy - Regina Health District Experience. Investigator: Dr. E. Tse. (Urology).

Assessment of Tumor Response to Preoperative Chemoradiotherapy for Locally Advanced Rectal Cancer. Investigators: Dr. G.K. Kaban, and R. Gilbert (resident) (General Surgery).

The Perceived Effects of RateMDs.com on the Physician - Patient Relationship. Investigators: Dr. M. Gheis, and T. Ehman (Mental Health Services).