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What's New in Research?

Research Administration Office Positions RQHR Researchers for Success

Has a charitable foundation, government organization, or private company decided to fund your research project? Once you have collaborated with your sponsor to outline the scope of work, you may be required to sign an agreement. Your sponsor tells you this is just a formality; they want you to go ahead and sign it. What should you do?

The RQHR requires research agreements that use RQHR staff or facilities be in writing and signed by the duly authorized RQHR personnel. If you receive one of the following types of agreements: Contract, Grant-in-Aid, Clinical Trial, Technical Service, Confidential Disclosure or Material Transfer Agreements, you will likely require our assistance.

Prior to last year, however, very few research contracts or agreements could be negotiated through the RQHR, largely the result of not having any legal expertise within RPS. With the addition of Jill Zimmer (LL.B.) to the RPS team in early 2008, the Research Administration office has already helped launch 22 externally funded studies in the Region.

As part of RPS, Research Administration is responsible for the primary coordination, negotiation, and administration of research-related agreements with

sponsors outside of the RQHR. States Jill Zimmer, "We understand what elements are needed in a research agreement to ensure that it is a positive experience for you, your sponsor and the RQHR. We can also make sure that your sponsor will not prevent



Jill Zimmer (LL.B.), Manager Research Administration

you from publishing the results, and protect against additional expenses if there are subject injuries or your sponsor decides to stop funding."

If you are contemplating undertaking a sponsored research project, we can assist you with drafting and negotiating agreements, budget development, financial administration, and act as the liaison between you, your sponsors or funding agencies, and other administrative units. For more information on our available services please call us at 766-5384.

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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!

<http://www.medi-fax.com/lrhd/crdpl>

Research Spotlight

RQHR Surgeon Uses Research to Provide Better Treatment Options



Dr. Corrine Jobs, RQHR Section Head of Gynecology

extensive training and a passion for the newest clinical techniques have established Dr. Corrine Jobs as a leader in the area of urinary incontinence.

UUI is a common disorder that affects quality of life and becomes more prevalent with age. In almost half of all cases, traditional therapies involving anticholinergic medications, behavioural therapy, and pelvic floor exercises are ineffective. For those who do show improvement, it often does not include complete continence.

In addition to running a busy practice and being 'mom' to four young children ranging in age from 16 months to 6 years, Dr. Jobs recently embarked on a study examining the efficacy of botulinum toxin A (Botox®) in treating non-neurogenic urinary urge incontinence (UUI).

Literature regarding the efficacy of Botox® in treating UUI, however, is minimal. Thus, after receiving procedural training from Dr. Rob Bard, a Urologist from Winnipeg, Dr. Jobs collaborated with Research and Performance Support to obtain approval from Health Canada and initiated a 12 month randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled trial to contribute to this treatment's limited evidence base.

Currently, Dr. Jobs is the only surgeon in Saskatchewan offering Botox® injections for UUI. This, in combination with the lack of effective treatment options for many UUI sufferers, has resulted in an enthusiastic response to the study by her patients.

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New Addition to RPS



RPS is pleased to welcome George Hartner to the team. He holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree of Science in Financial Economics, specializing in accounting and financial engineering.

Prior to joining RPS, George worked in a variety of positions within Saskatchewan Health, involving both policy

and financial planning. He was also an adjunct professor of economics specializing in monetary and micro economics at Florida Atlantic University.

In his current position, George will continue with the work he began at Saskatchewan Health in the areas of business case and strategic indicator development. He will also be providing assistance to the RQHR in the areas of operational and financial modeling of health service demand and resource planning.

George can be reached by telephone at 766-5965 or email George.Hartner@rqhealth.ca.

Research in the Region

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

Identification of Risk Factors Associated with Early Detection and Diagnosis of Type 2 Diabetes. Investigators: K. Butler and S. Brown (MEDEC).

Regina's Understanding the Early Years Project. Investigators: M. Quennell, B. Layne, J. Christiansen, and T. Mann (Population and Public Health).

Preceptorship: Paving the Way for Mentorship of New Nurses in Professional Practice. Investigators: Dr. L. Ferguson, F. Myrick, O. Yonge, and C. Brunskill (Nursing).

Safety and Efficacy of Exenatide Once Weekly Injection versus Metformin, Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 Inhibitor or Thiazolidinedione as Monotherapy in Drug-Naïve Patients with Type 2 Diabetes. Investigators: Drs. P. Duffy, H. Rehman, and C. Obrigewitsch (Internal Medicine).

PYTHAGORAS: Prospective Aneurysm Trial: High Angle Aorfix Bifurcated Stent Graft (Study 2005-01). Investigators: Drs. D. Kopriva and D. McCarville (Vascular Surgery).

A Multicenter, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Group, Randomized, Phase 2 Trial to Evaluate the Glycemic Efficacy, Renal Safety, Pharmacokinetics, and Pharmacodynamics of Dapagliflozin in Subjects with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Moderate Renal Impairment who have Inadequate Glycemic Control. Investigators: Drs. P. Duffy, H. Rehman, and C. Obrigewitsch (Internal Medicine).

An Examination of Observational Pain Assessment Tools for Dementia Patients with and without Comorbid Delirium. Investigators: Dr. T. Hadjivavropoulos and A. Lints-Martindale (Psychology).

The Incidence and Severity of Iron Dextran-Related Adverse Drug Reaction in RQHR Hemodialysis Patients. Investigators: L. Kolodziejak, L. Gross, J. Dyck, B. Geall, B. Lang, V. Neison, P. Ricci, J. Troy, J. Gudmundson, K. Kruger, O. Wong, and K. Gudmundson (Pharmacy).

The Perceived Effects of RateMD's.com on the Physician-Patient Relationship. Investigators: Dr. M. Gheis and T. Ehman (Mental Health Services).

Spinal Cord Stimulation using Surgical Plate Leads for the Treatment of Chronic Refractory Low Back Pain in Patients with Failed Back Surgery Syndrome. Investigators: Dr. K. Kumar, S. Bishop, and V. Bodani (Neurosurgery).

Canadian Prospective, Observational Study on the use of LMWH in the Setting of Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: Canadian Anticoagulant PCI Registry (CA-PCI-R). Investigators: Drs. R.H. Zimmerman and A. Lavoie (Cardiology).

A Double-blind, Randomized, Multicenter, Placebo-controlled, Parallel-group Study Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of 1.25 mg FTY720 Administered Orally Once Daily versus Placebo in Patients with Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis. Investigators: Drs. F. Veloso, R. Garcia, R. McKay, and M. Shawush, C. Nair, Z. Kaliszky, and W. Adams (Ophthalmology).

Effect on Antibiotic and Anticoagulation Prophylaxis following the Institution of Colon Resection Pathway in a Teaching Hospital. Investigators: Drs. G.K. Kaban and K. Langer (General Surgery).

Confirmation of Essure® Microinsert Tubal Coil Placement with Conventional and Volume-Contrasting Imaging Three-Dimensional Ultrasound. Investigators: Drs. J.A. Thiel, I. Suchet, L. Blanco, and N. Tyson (Gynecology and Obstetrics).

Validation of a Preterm Growth Chart for Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Investigators: R. Nasser and Drs. T. Fenton, R. Suave, D. O'Connor, and D. Bilan (Nutrition Services).

Does Vaccinating Healthy Hutterite Children Against Influenza Prevent Influenza in other Hutterite Colony Members: A Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial. Investigators: Drs. M. Hennink, M. Loeb, Z. Abbas, and L. Moss (Population and Public Health Services).

Evaluating the Accuracy of the Temporal Artery Thermometer in Ambulance Usage. Investigators: B. Fry, C. Brossart, D. McKay, G. Belleavance, A. Mulligan, and J. Rodenbush (Emergency Medical Services).

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