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March 2009 Newsletter

New Pilot Projects Funded!

Three CANNeCTIN pilot projects were approved for funding in the CANNeCTIN December 2008 Pilot Funding Competition:

- **Heart Failure and Conditioned Nutritional Deficiency in the Myocardium** - Malcolm Arnold (UWO); \$40,000; Heart Failure Working Group
- **Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion Study I: LAAOS I** - Richard Whitlock (McMaster); \$30,000; Cardiac Surgery Working Group
- **Prevention of Arrhythmia Device Infection Trial (PADIT)** - Andrew Krahn (UWO); \$50,000; Arrhythmia Working Group

Our congratulations to the many investigators, collaborators, and working groups involved in these projects!

Next CANNeCTIN Pilot Funding Competition: June 2009

Application forms will be available shortly

The next pilot funding competition will be held in June 2009. Interested researchers should discuss their ideas for multi-centre projects with the appropriate CANNeCTIN Working Group. Click [here](#) for a list of Working Groups and [here](#) for information about the protocol development and review process.

New CANNeCTIN Knowledge Translation Project

Cluster RCT to assess the effect of using a simple warfarin dose algorithm in Canadian general practices

Poor INR control is common in Canada and is associated with adverse clinical outcomes. Researchers from the CANNeCTIN KT Working Group (R. Nieuwlaet, B. Haynes, J. Eikelboom, J. Tu, J. Cox, and S. Connolly) are undertaking a study in 900 patients from 45 family practices across the country to evaluate whether or not family physicians can improve the quality of INR control by using a simple warfarin maintenance dosing algorithm, in either paper or web-based forms. A full description can be found [here](#) on the CANNeCTIN website.

REGISTER NOW! CANNeCTIN Spring Meetings - May 19-22, 2009

Online registration and programmes available at www.cannectin.ca

We have an exciting **Spring Meeting** planned for May 19-21 in Hamilton, including presentations by leading international researchers - Rory Collins (Oxford), Vlado Perkovic (Australia), Gianni Tognoni (Italy), Liu Lisheng (China), Prem Pais (India), Rafael Diaz (Argentina), Bongani Mayosi (South Africa), and Salim Yusuf (Canada) - as well as Working Group break-out sessions and a presentation by Dr. Jeremy Grimshaw on Knowledge Translation.

CANNeCTIN's **Cutting Edge Pharmacogenomics Symposium** will be held May 21-22, 2009 in Hamilton. The symposium includes an educational pharmacogenomics workshop, a lively dinner debate regarding the promise of personalized medicine, and an entire day of lectures by dynamic speakers, including Bob Roberts, Sonia Anand, Jamie Engert, Guillaume Pare, Michael Hayden, William Evans, Robert Hegele, Dan Roden, Rory Collins, and others.

Biostatistics Trials Methodology Videoconferences/Webcasts

**Next seminar: March 13, 2009 at 2 pm EST by Janice Pogue
What is Wrong with Non-inferiority Designs? Let's make a List**

These seminars are held on the second Friday of each month and can be joined by videoconference at McGill, Ottawa, Waterloo, McMaster, or Hamilton General Hospital, and by live public webcast at 2 pm EST by going to the Ontario Telemedicine Network [website](#).

More information and links to slides and archived webcasts of previous presentations can be found on the CANNeCTIN website [here](#).

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