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January 2009 Newsletter

### **Announcing a week of CANNeCTIN meetings in May 2009!**

Our annual **Spring 2009 CANNeCTIN Meeting** will be held **May 19-21, 2009** at the new David Braley Cardiac, Vascular, and Stroke Research Institute at Hamilton General Hospital. The meeting will feature a Mini-Symposium on International Collaborative Studies in Cardiovascular Disease with speakers from around the globe as well as extended Working Group sessions.

**CANNeCTIN's Cutting Edge Pharmacogenomics Symposium** will be held **May 21-22, 2009** in Hamilton. The Symposium will include an introductory pharmacogenomics workshop and interactive panel discussion, a dinner debate regarding pharmacogenomics and the future of personalized medicine, and a day of lectures by dynamic speakers from across North America and Europe.

Click to download draft agendas: [www.cannectin.ca](http://www.cannectin.ca).

Biostatistics Clinical Trials Methodology Videoconferences

### **Monthly seminars also viewable by webcast**

The Biostatistics Working Group has already presented the first two seminars in its videoconference series on advanced issues in clinical trials methodology!

- Dec 2008: Dr. Richard Cook (Waterloo) presented "Some Biases Arising from Patient Withdrawal in RCTs and How to Correct for Them"
- Jan 2009: Dr. Lehana Thabane (McMaster) presented "Design and Analysis Issues In Knowledge Translation Trials in Primary Care"
- **COMING SOON: February 13, 2009 at 2 pm: Dr. Dave Sackett**

### **[CLICK HERE FOR SLIDES OF PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS](#)**

Dr. Thabane's webcast is archived by date (1/9/2009) on the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) public event website [here](#).

The 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 webcast on the OTN website. [Email](#) us for more information.

CANNeCTIN News

### **2008/2009 Pilot Project Competition**

Three CANNeCTIN pilot projects were approved in October 2008:

- "Perioperative Ischemic Evaluation-2 (POISE-2) Trial (Perioperative Working Group)"

- "IMPI: Investigation of the Management of Pericarditis (Developing Countries WG)"
- "Understanding the Increased Cardiovascular Risk after Preeclampsia/Eclampsia" (Prevention WG).

Pilot projects submitted in December 2008 are currently under review with results to be announced in February 2009.

### Trout Workshop

Our first Trout-CANNeCTIN RCT Methodology Workshop led by Dr. Dave Sackett was held on Jan 15-18 in Hamilton. Lora Giangregorio, Ganesan Karthikeyan, Mpiko Ntsekhe, Maher Saqur, Steve Singh, and Stephen Wilton were selected to participate in the intensive 3-day workshop to identify and address methodological and operational challenges in their proposed studies

CANNeCTIN Website

[www.cannectin.ca](http://www.cannectin.ca)

We are happy to report that the new CANNeCTIN website (with our logo and colours) is now live and will continue to be developed over the coming months. Information regarding upcoming CANNeCTIN meetings, workshops and videoconferences is available now.

Coming soon: CANNeCTIN pilot project descriptions!

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