

Integrated VP Research and Innovation for Capital Health and IWK Health Centre



Farewell!

In the six years Ray LeBlanc has been Vice President of Research and Innovation at Capital Health, he has been a staunch proponent of innovation, multi-disciplinary research teams and learning. He is an enthusiastic supporter of collaboration among the researchers at Capital Health, the IWK Health Centre and Dalhousie University.

Research has played an integral part of Dr. LeBlanc's career, especially in the role he played nationally and internationally in the investigation, diagnosis and therapy of glaucoma.

Formerly a professor and head of the Department of Ophthalmology at Dalhousie University, he was privileged to hold leadership roles in ophthalmology organizations across the globe. He thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities this provided for teaching students in many countries.

As he leaves this position, we wish him all the best in his future which will, without a doubt, be an active and productive one. He is currently interim VP of Medicine for Capital Health.

Welcome!

On September 1 Patrick McGrath assumed the position of Integrated Vice President of Research and Innovation for Capital Health and the IWK Health Centre. A clinical psychologist, Canada Research Chair and Professor of Psychology, Pediatrics and Psychiatry at Dalhousie University, he has been the IWK VP of Research since 2007.

A veteran researcher, Dr. McGrath focuses on 1) the use of technology to deliver health care and 2) pain in child health. He has received many awards for achievement in his area of expertise. His research has also received support from the Canadian Institute of Health Research and the Canada Research Chairs.

As the author of 13 books, Dr. McGrath continues to publish extensively. Most recently, he played a key role in setting up and expanding Strongest Families, a distance treatment program for child mental health.

The Capital Health Research community extends a warm welcome to Dr. McGrath and looks forward to forging strong ties with the IWK Health Centre.

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Focus on Evidence: FAQs

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Q. I heard a medical librarian mention setting up an account in PubMed, but I already have so many personal accounts for everything from email to the charting system. Why should I create yet another one? What will it do for me?

A. Did you know that you can set up alerts directly from PubMed so that you will know of new research in your area? Or perhaps you want to follow the publications of a particular, high-impact researcher. Setting up and regularly using a myNCBI account will help you make the most of your searching in PubMed.



Most importantly, so long as you search PubMed while logged into your myNCBI account, all your activity in PubMed, MeSH, and the other NCBI databases will be captured and retained for six months. This means that even if you forget to save a search or export a relevant citation, you can navigate back to earlier sessions. To make this happen with even less effort, select the option to stay signed in, meaning your account is automatically active whenever you navigate to PubMed on the same computer using your primary internet browser.

There are also options to sign in through partner organizations such as Google—which means you don't have to create new account information if you already have a gmail address.

Your myNCBI account allows you to save completed search strategies, create collections of article citations and customize your PubMed searching experience. For example, you can add different filters to the main results page or show your search terms highlighted in a bright colour. Any search you run in PubMed can be saved to rerun in the future or set up with alerts that come regularly to your email. Alerts can be set up for topic-specific searches, individual author's publications, journal contents and more.



For assistance setting up an account, customizing it or creating search alerts within PubMed, contact your nearest health sciences librarian.

Capital Health Librarian Educator: katie.mclean@cdha.nshealth.ca

For your information...

Night of Discovery Research Fundraiser

Mark your calendar now for the QEII Foundation Night of Discovery at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at the Cunard Centre. The proceeds from this gala event will go to support research at the QEII Health Centre. Go to qe2foundation.ca for details.

2012 Interdisciplinary Research Conference

Save the dates November 8 /9 for the IWK Health Centre 2012 Interdisciplinary Research Conference. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase local health researchers, trainees and research programs in both completed and research in progress. If you would like to participate in the poster display, the deadline for abstracts is September 28. For further information, contact connie.whelan@iwk.nshealth.ca

Research Publications Database

The Research Publications Database contains nearly 2700 entries. The items reflect information from 2007 onwards. You can access the link to the database at: <http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/discovery-innovation/links-resources>

An ongoing challenge is keeping the Database current. You can help by contributing a list of your recent (since 2010) publications, posters and presentations to emily.walker@cdha.nshealth.ca Thank you for helping to keep this database up-to-date and relevant. Contact Emily Walker (902-473-5156) if you have any questions.

The Power of Partnerships



The Power of Partnerships is a collaborative publication of the research communities of Capital Health, the Faculties of Medicine, Health Professions and Dentistry at Dalhousie University, and the IWK Health Centre. This brand new publication shows how these institutions are working together with community partners to leverage local investments into multi-million dollar research facilities and initiatives. Research teams are confronting our most pressing health challenges with the ever present goal of better patient care and an improved quality of life for Nova Scotians.

Haven't seen it yet? You can view *The Power of Partnerships* online at <http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/discovery-innovation/research-news> If you would like a paper copy, please contact emily.walker@cdha.nshealth.ca

Capital Health Research Annual Report

Drafting of the Capital Health 2011-2012 research annual report is underway. If you have received any awards or accolades in the past year, the Research Annual Report is the place to share them with the research community. Please forward this information to emily.walker@cdha.nshealth.ca

Opportunities...

Educational Opportunities

Date	Series	Topic	Time	Location
September 25, 2012	Research Methods Unit Seminars To register, contact: sandra.pauls@dal.ca	Introduction to Biostatistics Facilitator: Steve Doucette Senior Biostatistician, RMU	4 – 5 p.m.	Room 114, Centre for Clinical Research 5790 University Avenue
October 16, 2012	Research Education Across Atlantic Canada (REACH)	Developing and Using Standard Operating Procedures Facilitator: Mary Kate Needler, Program Manager, Research Quality	12 noon sharp	Royal Bank Theatre Halifax Infirmary
October 16 and 17, 2012	Continuing Education for Research Staff	Diving into Clinical Trials? Sink or Swim Facilitator: Janet Gallant, Program Manager Research Education	9 – 4:30	Room 114, Centre for Clinical Research 5790 University Avenue
October 30, 2012	Research Methods Unit Seminars To register, contact sandra.pauls@dal.ca	Diagnostic Testing Facilitator: Steve Doucette Senior Biostatistician, RMU	4 – 5 p.m.	Room 114, Centre for Clinical Research 5790 University Avenue
November 2 and 16, 2012 Application deadline is 4 p.m., Sept. 28, 2012.	Research Methods Unit Workshops (two-day workshop) Contact janet.gallant@cdha.nshealth.ca 902-473-2118 to apply and for additional information.	An Introduction to Clinical Epidemiology	9 a.m.– 4 p.m.	Room 114, Centre for Clinical Research 5790 University Avenue
November 20, 2012	Research Education Across Atlantic Canada (REACH)	Applicability of U. S. Regulations to Canadian Research Facilitators: Jennifer Thurlow, Coordinator, Grant Facilitation & Support Cory Schlievert, Coordinator, Contract Facilitation & Support Mary Kate Needler, Program Manager, Research Quality	12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Room 5110 Dickson Building 5820 University Avenue

Opportunities...

Funding Opportunities

Deadline	Program Name	Agency	Website
October 1, 2012	I. Regular Treatment Trials II. Special Treatment Trials and Drug Development (program supports the testing of medications to assess their efficacy for treating schizophrenia and bipolar disorder)	The Stanley Medical Research Institute	http://www.stanleyresearch.org/dnn/TreatmentTrialsandDrugDevelopment/Overview/tabid/158/Default.aspx
October 3, 2012	Mild Traumatic Brain Injury	CIHR	http://www.researchnet-recherche.net.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtIs.do?prog=1663&view=search&org=CIHR&fromMonth=10&fromYear=2012&toMonth=12&toYear=2012&type=AND&resultCount=25&next=1
October 8, 2012	NARSAD Distinguished Investigator Grant	Brain and Behaviour Research Foundation	http://bbrfoundation.org/DI
October 15, 2012	I. Biomedical Research Grants II. Allied Health Research Grants	Kidney Foundation of Canada	http://www.kidney.ca/page.aspx?pid=362
October 17, 2012	Catalyst Grant: Post Market Drug Safety and Effectiveness	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	http://www.researchnet-recherche.net.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtIs.do?prog=1665&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true
October 31, 2012	Canadian Orthopaedic Research Legacy (CORL)	Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation	http://canorth.org/en/about/Default.aspx?pagename=Apply for a Grant
October 31, 2012	IRP/IFP Research Grant	International Foundation for Research in Paraplegia	http://www.irp.ch/fr/research/grants.php
November 1, 2012 Expression of Interest deadline	Program Project Grants in Prostate Cancer	Prostate Cancer Canada	http://www.prostatecancer.ca/Research/Overview/New-Team-Grants
November 15, 2012	Catalyst Grant: Innovation in HIV Vaccine and HIV Cure Research	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	http://www.researchnet-recherche.net.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtIs.do?prog=1668&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true
November 15, 2012	Team Grant: Health Challenges in Chronic Inflammation Initiative	Canadian Institutes of Health Research	http://www.researchnet-recherche.net.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtIs.do?prog=1662&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true

Research resources...

ICH-GCP Training for Investigators

Health Canada Inspectors request that investigators and research staff working on clinical trials involving drugs receive training on the applicable regulations (Division 5) and the International Conference on Harmonization: Good Clinical Practices (ICH-GCP). In the course of inspections they have requested documentation of training. To meet this need, Janet Gallant, Program Manager, Research Education, is offering the following training sessions upon request:

ICH-GCP Overview and Investigator Responsibilities (1 hour)

Division 5 Regulations and ICH-GCP Highlights (1 hour)

If you would like to have either or both of these training sessions provided to you and/or your research team at your chosen time and location, please contact:

Janet Gallant (902) 473-2118 janet.gallant@cdha.nshealth.ca

Planning and Development

The Planning and Development Office is working to grow the quality and quantity of the research enterprise. Development and Planning contacts:

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Research Methods Unit (RMU)

Do you need help refining the methods for your research project, developing an analysis plan, building a database, managing your data, analyzing your data, or advice on qualitative research methods or data collection? Would you like a quote for methods support for an upcoming funding application? The RMU can help. Our priority is to support your research.

It's easy—visit our website to download an RMU Consultation Request form, complete and send the form to us, and we'll be in touch shortly to book an initial consult. Your initial consultation is free and during that time we will work with you to identify the best solution for your needs. For more information about how the RMU can help your research, how the RMU consulting process works, or to request a quote, please visit www.cdha.nshealth.ca/rmu or contact the RMU at rmu@dal.ca



Clinical Research Unit

Researchers now have access to a 5,400 square-foot, state-of-the-art Clinical Research Unit (CRU), located at the IWK Health Centre, for inpatient and outpatient research needs. Visit the CCfV website at www.centerforvaccinology.ca for more information and a photo tour of the unit. All inquiries are welcomed. If you would like to tour the CRU and find out more about its services, please contact:

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Research in Progress

This newsletter is produced by Research Services. You can view it at: <http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/discovery-innovation/research-progress-newsletter>

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