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Fall 2010 Newsletter

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Welcome New Members

Pierre-Marie David is a pharmacist trained in France and worked in HIV for over 2 years in Central Africa. He is now doing his PhD at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Université de Montréal on the social aspects related to access to HIV care and treatment in Central Africa.

CHAP Research Updates

DEscription of Factors Associated with Medication Errors in an HIV Ambulatory Care SeTting: A Pilot Study (DEFEAT Study). Project leader: Niamh Higgins

The DEFEAT study is a pilot project on medication errors taking place at the Montreal Chest Institute. The study visits (n=150) have now been completed. We will be carrying out a multivariate analysis on the risk factors associated with the medication errors discovered during patient interviews. We intend to use the findings of DEFEAT to conduct a larger, inter-institutional study involving CHAP pharmacists at sites across Canada.

Journal Publications


Conference Abstracts/Posters

From Benoît Lemire (Montreal Chest Institute)
- We are in the finalization steps of our study, *Hepatitis C Co-Infection Leads to Greater Loss of Renal Function in HIV-Infected Patients*. We plan to submit a revised poster to the CROI.

From Suzanne Marcotte (CHUM)

From Charles laPorte et Pierre Giguère:

From Linda Robinson:

From Alice Tseng:

Awards/Recognitions

Debbie Kelly:
- Recipient of the Alfred G. Dawe Distinguished Service Award by CSHP, Newfoundland and Labrador Branch
- Recognized as one of the 100 most notable pharmacists in Newfoundland and Labrador from 1910-2010 (we just had a celebration of 100 years of organized pharmacy in this province at our annual conference).
- Bristol-Myers Squibb Award for Excellence in pharmaceutical teaching in 2009-10
- Elected as Vice-Chair to the Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board
Christine Hughes

- CSHP Alberta Branch, Preceptor Recognition program, 2010-11

Alice Tseng

- CSHP Ontario Branch, the E. Amy Eck Award for the clinic website (I’m sharing this award with Michelle Foisy)
- CSHP Ontario Branch Literary Award (which I’m sharing with Dr. Rodger MacArthur) for the etravirine review article we published earlier this year.

Carlo Quaia, Gloria Tsang, Susan Kitteridge, Nicol Legal, and Dipti Manchharam (the Oak Tree Clinic pharmacists)

- Recipients of the 2010 JF McCreary Prize for Interprofessional Teamwork in the Health Professions. http://www.chd.ubc.ca/awards/mccreary_winner

**Other CHAP Projects**

New Member Resource Kit (Jeff and Deborah Y)

The CHAP network new member resource kit is available from the Executive, and soon will be accessible from the CHAP website. The kit includes an introductory letter from the executive board, a list of suggested readings/data resources with Pubmed links to the publications. Please submit any suggested changes/additions to Jeff, so that this can be an “evergreen” resource!

**Announcements**

Michelle Foisy

- In July 2010 started a Faculty position at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences. Still also working the HIV clinic site

And finally…..

*It’s great to see all the good work being done by our membership, and that some really significant recognition has been following it! I’m so pleased to be associated with such a fine group of professionals!! Have a great rest of the fall season!!*

jeff