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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**

Hughes CA, Foisy M, Tseng A. [Interactions between antifungal and antiretroviral agents](#). Expert Opin Drug Saf. 2010 Sep;9(5):723-42.

N. Singhal, D. Fergusson, H. Huff, E.J. Mills, C.J.L. la Porte, S. Walmsley, D.W. Cameron. Design and methods of the MAINTAIN study: A randomized controlled clinical trial of micronutrient and antioxidant supplementation in untreated HIV infection. Contemp Clin Trials. 2010 Aug 11. [Epub ahead of print]

D.F. Carr, C.J.L. la Porte, M. Pirmohamed, A. Owen, C.P. Cortes. Haplotype structure of CYP2B6 and association with plasma efavirenz concentrations in a Chilean HIV cohort. Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy 2010 Jul 17. [Epub ahead of print].

Kathy Lee, Pornpun Vivithanaporn, Reed Siemieniuk, Hartmut B Krentz, Ferdinand Maingat, M John Gill and Christopher Power Clinical outcomes and immune benefits of anti-epileptic drug therapy in HIV/AIDS BMC Neurology, 10:44 (17 Jun 2010)  
<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2377/10/44>



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### **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)

- Raltegravir-based-HAART and lymphoma chemotherapy. S.Marcotte, M. Laroche, B. Lessard, C. Fortin, D. Rouleau. Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM), Canada. Presented at WorldAids2010. poster TUPE0146

From Charles laPorte et Pierre Giguère:

- P. Giguère, S. Kravcik, C.J.L. la Porte. Drug interactions between voriconazole, darunavir/r and etravirine in an HIV-infected patient. 19th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research, May 13-16, 2010, Saskatoon, SK. Abstract 7287.

From Linda Robinson:

- LJ Robinson, M Smeija, C Quan, J Cohen. Association of Vitamin D deficiency with lipoatrophy amongst HIV positive patients in Windsor Ontario. 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on HIV & Aging, Oct 4-5 2010, Baltimore MD. Oral presentation and poster abstract O-06.

From Alice Tseng:

- A Tseng, J Raboud, S Walmsley, S Sterling. Polypharmacy in older patients: a study of medication use and potential drug interactions in an aging ambulatory HIV clinic population. 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on HIV & Aging, Oct 4-5 2010, Baltimore MD. Oral presentation and poster abstract O-08.

### **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



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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](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!!*

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