Project Updates

Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness Assessment of Heart Failure Clinics in Ontario

The overall research question for this field evaluation is to understand the current service models used and to evaluate the clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of heart failure (HF) clinics for the ambulatory management of HF in Ontario. Final report was submitted on December 2011.

Pressure Ulcer Multi-Disciplinary Teams via Telemedicine (PUMTT): A Cluster Pragmatic Randomised Controlled Trial

The purpose of this field evaluation is to evaluate the clinical and cost effectiveness of ‘enhanced’ multi-disciplinary wound care teams vs. ‘usual’ care teams in long term care (LTC) homes in the Greater Toronto Area for the treatment of pressure ulcers.

Data collection closed in April this year. 138 residents with 270 pressure ulcers were recruited from 12 long-term care facilities in the greater Toronto area. Quantitative and qualitative data were collected throughout the study period. Data analysis is underway and report will be ready this September.

Turning for Ulcer ReductioN (TURN) Study

Recruitment was completed in the US on June, 23. 967 subjects were recruited into this randomized controlled trial, led by Dr. Nancy Bergstrom from the University of Texas. The final report will be submitted this month, with results being presented to OHTAC on June 22nd.

Academic Rounds

Many thanks to past presenters:
Mona Sabharwal
Farzad Ali
Mireille Goetghebeur
Dante Morra
Christopher Hollenbeak
Tina Shih
Rumona Dickson
Petros Pechlivanoglou

Please check theta.utoronto.ca for upcoming Rounds
Project Updates

**Specialized Multidisciplinary Community-Based Care for Chronic Wounds: A Field Evaluation**
The objective of this field evaluation is to: 1) identify all out-patient multidisciplinary wound care teams (MWCTs) across the province; 2) conduct a survey in order to understand the scope of service models of the identified MWCTs; 3) evaluate the clinical effectiveness; and 4) evaluate the cost effectiveness.
This field evaluation has 3 phases: Phase 1: Identification of teams; Phase 2: Survey of teams; Phase 3: Pragmatic randomized controlled trial to evaluate clinical effectiveness, and cost effectiveness of MWCTs.
Phases 1 and 2 are complete. A total of 49 teams were identified and 44 teams participated in the phase 2 surveys. Phase 3 began in May, 2011 and thus far 26 participants have been recruited. Data collection is expected to continue for two years. A total of 450 participants will be recruited.

You can read more about THETA’s projects [here](#).

In the Spotlight

Thank you Dr. Jeff Hoch for coordinating the THETA Rounds in the past 5 years. We really appreciate all your hard work! A gift token was presented to Jeff at the last THETA rounds for the curriculum year on May 4, 2012. We welcome Beate Sander, our new THETA Rounds Coordinator beginning September 2012.
THETA “KT to Policy” Day & Fifth Annual Symposium

THETA recently hosted two back-to-back events at The Estates of Sunnybrook – THETA’s Third Annual “Knowledge Translation to Policy” Day on May 10th and THETA’s Fifth Annual Symposium on May 11th.

KT Day focussed on our work in the area of Chronic Wound Prevention & Wound Care Delivery, while the Symposium focused on Disinvestment in Ontario Health Care.

Each event was attended by over 90 delegates who represented diverse local, national and international organizations and backgrounds, including universities, research institutes, provincial organisations and hospitals, various academic departments, THETA staff, students, and government.

THETA KT Day

THETA Symposium

THETA Collaborative would like to thank everyone for attending. Once again, both events proved to be very successful, with an excellent turnout, beautiful weather, and really great external and local speakers.

Presentation material can be found here.
Research Grants

A National Comparison of Intensity of End-of-Life Care in Canada: Defining Changing Patterns, Risk Factors and Targets for Intervention
$99,208 (2011 – 2013)
PI: Fowler R.

Council of Academic Hospitals of Ontario (CAHO) Implementation of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs (ASP) in Intensive Care Units in Ontario Academic Hospitals
$768,000 (2011 – 2013)
PI: Andrew Morris.
Co-Investigators: Fowler R, Bell C, Burry L, Daneman N, Dresser L, Elligsen M, Herridge M, Mehta S, Muller M.

DECision-making about goals of care for hospitalized meDical patiEnts: a multicentre, mixed-methods study. The DECIDE Study
$100,000 (2012 – 2014)
PIs: Heyland D, You J.

Estimating the risk of adverse drug events using Bayesian evidence synthesis
Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Drug Safety and Effectiveness Network (DSEN) (2012-2013)
Nominated Principal Investigator: John-Baptiste A; Principal Investigator: Austin P.
Co-investigators: Anderson G, Lipscombe L, Becker T.

Ministry of Health and Long-term Care Drug Innovation Fund – Paediatric Pharmacogenomics Medicine, Genemed
$589,697 (Oct 2011 – Sep 2014)
Co-Pls: Ito S & Ungar J
Co-Investigators: Hitzler J, Hurdowar A, Moore A, Koren G

Phase-Specific and Lifetime Medical Costs of Care for Childhood Cancer in British Columbia and Ontario
CIHR, $531,058 (Apr 2012 – Mar 2015)
Co-Pls: McBride M & Krahn M.
Co-Investigators: de Oliveira C, Greenberg M, Nathan P, Peacock S, Rogers P.

Planning meeting for the PREEDICCT study
CIHR, $23,842 (2011 – 2012)
PI: Christian M

Reducing inequalities in the burden of human papillomavirus (HPV) related diseases in Canada through optimal vaccination and screening policies: A multidisciplinary model-based approach
CIHR, $662,657 (2012 – 2015); PI: Brisson M

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research: “A systematic review of factors influencing older adults’ decision to accept or refuse cancer treatment proposed by their physician.”
$51,835 (April 2012 – March 2013)

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (US): “Long-term QOL, physical function, and disability in AML survivors.”
$579,369 (Oct 2011 – Sep 2014)
PI: Alibhai S
Co-Investigators: Brandwein J, Buckstein R, Gupta V, Li M, Tomlinson G.


Have a fun & safe summer!