THE BEAT

from the Canadian Heart Function Alliance

Bring together all heart failure stakeholders to improve the prediction, prevention, diagnosis and management of heart failure.

A Few words from your central team

Dear Members,

The CHF Alliance Executive Committee met in Toronto last month to discuss our accomplishments to date and our plans for the coming years. We will present you the teams, themes, and projects that are currently underway or in development within the CHF Alliance.

We have just launched our new Trainee Awards Competition, and will soon be launching an **Early Career Investigator Grants Competition**. Please note that your trainees must be registered in order to apply for these trainee awards. Trainee registration forms need to be sent to Leslie.

We are also working on several initiatives such as organizing the next CHF Alliance meeting, which will take place in Toronto in May, and developing a training program.

If you have any questions about the CHF Alliance, please do not hesitate to contact Leslie.

David, Maryse, Leslie, Jean, and Marc

From left to right: David Hartell, Nathaniel Hawkins, Seerva Mital, Aamir Jeewa, Patrice Lindsay, Salim Yusuf, Jean Rouleau, Sylvain Bédard, Alexandra King, Marc Bains, Malcolm King, Anique Ducharme, Leslie Hausermann, Philip Joseph, Maryse Desjardins, John Parker, Jillianne Code.

Webinar: SAVE THE DATE !

CHF Alliance will host its next webinar on **March 31, 2023 at 11:00 am EST**. The Access team will provide a high-level overview of their projects and progress.

You don't need to register to attend.

The webinar will be recorded and posted on the CHF Alliance website.

Ask for the Zoom link if this is not already at your agenda.

The CHF Alliance Website is now live, visit us at: www.chfalliance.ca

CHF Alliance In-Person Meeting

We are pleased to invite you to the next **CHF Alliance in-person Meeting** to be held in **Toronto on May 11, 2023**, just prior to the CHFS Heart Failure Update Meeting (May 12-13, 2023).

The goals of this CHF Alliance in-person meeting include bringing CHF Alliance members together, facilitating the development of ongoing network projects, developing methods to facilitate access to network data, engaging our new trainees, educating members on patient partner engagement, and training and mentoring. The meeting will be a mix of presentations and working sessions. The day will conclude with a social event including a cash bar and dinner.

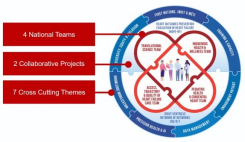
The final agenda and location will be announced soon, but please **confirm your attendance** with Leslie Hausermann by **March 15, 2023**

Training Award Competition

APPLY NOW

Meet the CHF Alliance teams, themes and projects

The CHF Alliance is structured around 4 national teams, 7 cross-cutting themes and 2 collaborative projects. In this issue of the BEAT, we briefly introduce the Translational Team and the Patient Engagement and Empowerment Theme. The other teams and themes will be introduced in future newsletters. In the meantime, you can visit our website to learn more about them.



Dr. Philip Joseph
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The Translational Science Team

Co-directed by Dr. Philip Joseph (PHRI, McMaster University) and Dr. Eileen O'Meara (Montreal Heart Institute), it focuses on inflammation in HF, HF phenotypes, and aging and comorbidities. It supports existing cohorts and creates new collaborations to improve knowledge of HF and make existing data more accessible.

Current projects:

- Colchicine trial in HFpEF: COLpEF, led by Dr. Nadia Bouabdallaoui (Montreal Heart Institute). Recruitment is ongoing.
- Colchicine and Thiamine in HF due to ischemic heart disease: COLT-HF, led by Dr. Philip Joseph. Enrollment expected to begin in April 2023.
- Bariatric surgery for the reduction of cardiovascular events feasibility trial: BRAVE, led by Drs. Salim Yusuf and Jorge Wong (both at PHRI, McMaster University). Recruitment is ongoing.
- Collaboration with the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging: CLSA. The CHF Alliance aims to add cardiac imaging to CLSA. Dr. Parminder Raina (McMaster University) is the lead principal investigator of the CLSA.
- Collaboration with the Canadian Alliance for Healthy Hearts and Minds: CAHHM. The CHF Alliance will help to repeat MRI in selected patient groups, complete the GWAS and biomarker panel. Dr. Sonia Anand (PHRI, McMaster University) is one of the principal investigators of the CAHHM.
- Canadian Cardiomyopathy Collaborative: The CHF Alliance aims to provide the infrastructure to link existing complementary datasets from cardiomyopathy patients across Canada.

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The Patient Engagement And Empowerment Theme

This theme is led by Dr. Davina Banner-Lukaris (University of Northern British Columbia) and Sylvain Bédard (CEPPP), a patient with lived experience. It promotes patient engagement and empowerment across the network's activities, from research to care.

The objectives are to:

- Cultivate and expand co-production of HF research through meaningful patient engagement and empowerment in all network activities;
- Advance patient oriented research methods to study the impact of patient engagement and empowerment in HF research and care;
- Promote and support patient-driven research;
- and Promote Indigenous patient engagement and empowerment.

The Patient Engagement and Empowerment theme conducts various activities and develops important helpful tools for the patient partner and researcher communities.

Read More

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