

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,

We hope you are enjoying the first days of autumn, despite the cooler temperatures. Summer has been quiet for the network and activities are gradually picking up.

In this new issue, we will tell you about the last ACT meeting and introduce you to the portfolio hospitals that are now part of the ACT Consortium. We also remind you of upcoming activities for patients and caregivers. And, finally, a few words about our last webinar, which included some interesting data from the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

On the other hand, we also shared various opportunities for research collaborations within the network and we hope this was helpful. We would like to remind you that you are more than welcome to contact us if you have ongoing or upcoming research projects and that you are looking for collaborators. We will be happy to help spread the word.

Best wishes,

Maryse, Leslie, Jean, and Marc



From left to right: Leslie Hausermann, Maryse Desjardins, Jean L. Rouleau and Marc Bégin



Last ACT Meeting

On September 21 and 22, 2023, the ACT Consortium held its last face-to-face meeting in Charlotte, NC, and we were pleased to meet with some of the CHF Alliance members. The meeting was an opportunity to discuss ways to implement a simplified ethics review system across Canada to expedite the ethical approval of clinical research projects. Despite the legal difficulties associated with each province/territory, the ACT consortium is motivated to move forward with this initiative and we look forward to future developments.

During these two days, we also participated in the revision of the ICH E6 Good Clinical Practice document, which includes a new section on data governance and clarifies certain points in the other sections related to the ethics committee, the investigator and the sponsor.

Finally, we had the opportunity to learn more about the 20 community hospital sites that have recently joined the ACT Consortium (list of hospitals below). We had the opportunity to meet with some of the teams to introduce them to our network and the research opportunities that may be available. Many of them have cardiology research programs, and we encourage you to contact them if you are looking for collaborative sites.

Here is the list of the 20 hospital sites, and you can find a full description of them here (those with a cardiology research program are in bold):

- Cambridge Cardiac Care - Dr. Shekhar Pandey
- Cape Breton Regional Hospital - Dr. Paul MacDonald
- Centre Hospitalier Régional de Léveland - Dr. Simon Kouz
- Dr. Georges-L. Dumont University Hospital - Dr. Rémi LeBlanc
- East Kootenay Regional Hospital - Dr. Denise Javerisy
- Grace Hospital - Dr. Gloria Vazquez-Grisola
- Health Sciences North - Drs. Robert Chiu & Navinder Just Singh
- Hôpital de la Cité-de-la-Santé - Drs. Stéphanie Castonguay & Maurice Rousseau
- Hôpital des Grands Lacs - Drs. Patrick Achambault & Martin Crête
- Humbler River Health - Dr. Othman Nezirah
- Kalamazoo General Hospital - Dr. Aleksander Tkach
- Medicine Health - Drs. Kima Inoué and Tess Fitzpatrick
- Medicine Hat Regional Hospital - Dr. Alejandro Marcosia
- Nanaimo Regional General Hospital - Dr. David Forrest
- Niagara Health - Dr. Jennifer Tang
- Parkland Regional Hospital - Dr. Michelle Schwepers
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital - Dr. Heather Williams
- St. Joseph General Hospital - Drs. Linseed and Sheffeld
- Regina General Hospital - Dr. Payam Dehghani
- Windsor Regional Hospital - Dr. Wessam Saad

Upcoming activities for patients and caregivers

CANet Public Forum
Each year, CANet holds a prominent (approx. 300 attendees) Public Forum. This year's event will take place in Montreal in partnership with Pwessaskwan, the Canadian Heart Function (CHF) Alliance, and promoted in collaboration with Vascular 2023. The event will bring together patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and the Montreal public to hear from and pose questions to leading cardiac experts and people with lived experience in cardiac care to share stories and experiences of living well.

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Time: 5:30 - 8:25 p.m.
Location: Le Westin Montreal Hotel

[Click here to register.](#)

Masterclass for patient partners engaging in cardiovascular research

This free, day-long workshop is designed to train PWLE to be active and engaged members of research teams and to begin to build a community across Canada. This event is done in collaboration with HeartLife, TRANSFORM-HF and the CHF Alliance.

Date: Thursday, October 26
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Location: Le Westin Montreal



Last Webinar: Heart & Stroke

On September 14, Dr. Barbara Linnery, Lead for the PWLE Engagement and Stroke Strategies and former Executive Committee member of the CHF Alliance, presented a webinar on the latest heart failure data collected by the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The webinar was well attended and it was really interesting to learn more about the challenges faced by HF patients, especially those related to women's health and mental health. Patients also gave an overview of the cardiology facilities in the country, highlighting the needs in terms of services and geographical distribution.

As usual, the webinar was recorded and posted on our website on the News and Events page (Past Events section).

[Click here to watch the webinar.](#)



VASCULAR 2023
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Do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you want to share something with the CHF Alliance community.