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Do you have a colleague or trainee who might be interested in the activities and events below? Please share this newsletter with them, and let them know they can subscribe by contacting Stefanie at stefanie.novakowski@bcchr.ca.

Announcements

Illuminating Canada for World Sepsis Day



BC Place, Science World, the Vancouver Convention Centre, Burrard Street Bridge, Vancouver City Hall, Port Moody Town Hall, and Coquitlam's Lafarge Lake Fountain are once more helping raise awareness of sepsis by lighting up in **pink** on September 12 and 13 for World Sepsis Day. Don't forget to take a picture and share it with us on social media ([@ActionOnSepsis](https://twitter.com/ActionOnSepsis))!

Sepsis Canada is also working with its partners to light up landmarks in cities across Canada **pink** for **World Sepsis Day**, and running a public awareness campaign for sepsis through social media and traditional media outlets throughout the month of September.

Visit <https://www.sepsisawareness.ca/> to learn more.

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Vote for Stre@mline Health!

After receiving over 260 applications from around the world, the 2022 [Swiss Re foundation](#) “Entrepreneurs for Resilience Award” has selected cluster partner [Stre@mline Health](#) to receive [one of three grants](#) as well as a nomination for a [People’s Choice Award](#)!



Their project proposal aims to strengthen the Kisiizi Community Health Insurance Scheme (the oldest and largest in Uganda) and to replicate it in 14 other hospitals or large clinics across Uganda, providing affordable access to quality health care.

Samuel Mugisha, Executive Director of Stre@mline Health, and his team partnered with us to integrate the [Smart Triage](#) and [Smart Discharges](#) algorithms for improving care for children with sepsis at Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda. This collaboration focused on the development of a pediatric quality improvement and triage program supported by technology.

PLEASE VOTE for Stre@mline to receive the People’s Choice Award!

Vote Here

Voting deadline: Wednesday, September 7th

Your votes will go towards a further award that will help Stre@mline deliver more impact. The winner will be invited to connect with potential investors, mentors, and business support.

#ICYMI: The third series of the Action on Sepsis Podcast is now available!



Our final series was released in June and tells the story of **Shannon McKenney**, a Juno-nominated singer and survivor of recurrent sepsis. This series features discussions with sepsis researcher **Dr Robert Hancock** (UBC), quality improvement expert **Sarah Carriere** ([BC Sepsis Network](#)), and knowledge translation and patient-oriented research experts **Dr Larry Mroz** and **Dr Lynne Feehan** ([BC SUPPORT Unit](#)).

Congratulations to our recent grant recipients!



Dr Amy Lee (SFU) and **Dr Pascal Lavoie** have received a CIHR Project Grant to investigate the molecular epidemiology of neonatal sepsis in low- and middle-income countries, along with Dr Robert Hancock, Dr Matthew Wiens, Dr Constantin Popescu, and Dr Nathan Kenya-Mugisha.

Dr Srinivas Murthy (UBC) is one of 8 PIs from across Canada awarded a CIHR Project Grant for the Canadian ADaptive Platform Trial of COVID-19 Therapeutics in Community Settings (Can-ADAPT COVID). Secondary outcomes in the trial will include the impact of therapeutics on long-COVID. Dr Srinivas Murthy has also been named a member of the 2022 Wall Scholar Catalyst Cohort.

Dr Marianne Vidler (UBC) and **Dr Stephen Rulisa** (University of Rwanda) have been awarded a CIHR Planning & Dissemination Grant to identify gaps in post-Caesarean care and resulting infections in Rwanda, along with Dr Deborah Money.

Dr Matthew Wiens (UBC) has been awarded a CIHR Planning & Dissemination Grant to develop a scalable platform for integrating data-driven algorithms that drive quality improvement in pediatric sepsis care at health facilities in Uganda, along with Dr Yashodani Pillay (UBC), Clare Komugisha (Walimu), and Dr Nathan Kenya-Mugisha (Walimu).



Sepsis Canada Co-Scientific Director: Applications Open

The next Co-Scientific Director will work alongside **Dr. Alison Fox-Robichaud** (Scientific Director) to continue the growth of Sepsis Canada, by developing strategic directions that lend toward the network's long-term sustainability.

To learn more about this role and to apply, please [click here](#).

Opportunity for new collaborations: National Preclinical Sepsis Platform

Are you a researcher working with **sepsis animal models**?

The National Preclinical Sepsis Platform (NPSP) aims to improve clinical translation of basic science research in sepsis by establishing a national network of Canadian laboratories to conduct innovative preclinical multicenter trials of sepsis. Learn more from the NPSP Leads in [this video](#).

We want to hear from you!

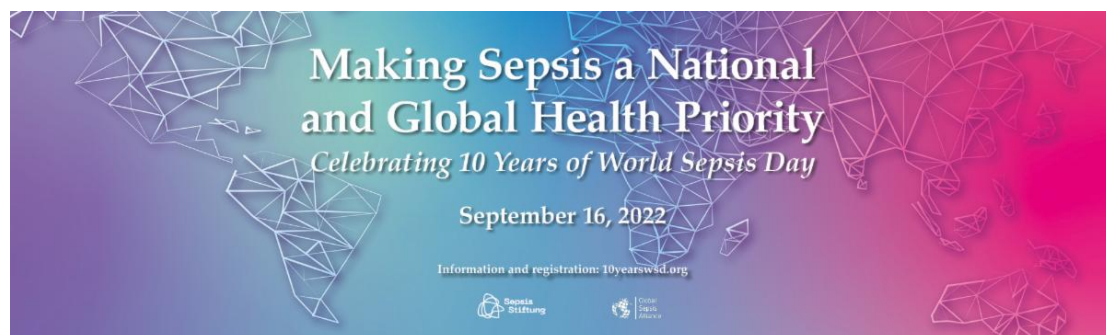
- Have you recently received a grant or award?
- Do you have a new publication or collaboration you'd like us to highlight?
- Is there an event you're taking part in that we can share with our networks?



Let us know! We want to showcase the accomplishments and achievements of members of our cluster, and help facilitate new partnerships whenever possible. If you have a story that you think would be of interest to us, please contact Stefanie at stefanie.novakowski@bcchr.ca

Events

Making Sepsis a National and Global Health Priority



September 16, 2022 | Virtual (Free!) and In-Person (Berlin)

The Global Sepsis Alliance and the Sepsis Stiftung are joining forces to host this unique event celebrating a decade of World Sepsis Day. The event is split up into 3 parts – a scientific symposium with renowned speakers from all over the world, an international best-practices panel, and a celebration and fundraising dinner in

the evening in Berlin.

[View the Program](#)

[Join the Event](#)

BCCHR Immunology Collective Dragon's Den



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DRAGON'S DEN

- Chance for trainees to win a \$5K grant
- Must be a new collaboration between at least two trainees from different labs/programs
- Budget for getting pilot data to enable larger external funding

Applications Due Sept 19, 2022.

Top 5 Applications will present in front of the Dragons and a live audience in October.



The BCCHR Immunology Collective (BIC) is inviting proposals from BCCHR trainees for immunology-related research projects designed to catalyze new areas of investigation and generate preliminary data needed to apply for future external funding opportunities.

After reviewing the applications, the top five will be invited to present a five-minute pitch in front of a panel of “Dragons” and a BCCHR audience in October. **The first-place prize is a \$5,000 grant for the project.**

Applications are due **September 19, 2022.**

[Learn More Here](#)

Sepsis Canada - Virtual Scientific Meeting

Save The Date



Sepsis Canada

Virtual Scientific Meeting

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Registration Information Coming Soon!

September 29, 2022 | Virtual

Sepsis Canada is hosting their inaugural Scientific Meeting on September 29th, 2022. This virtual event will include network project updates, a keynote speaker, trainee presentations and patient council updates. More information coming soon - check the [Sepsis Canada website](#) for updates.

You can learn more about Sepsis Canada's projects at their previous Summit Series Webinars. The recordings can be viewed [here](#).

Funding Opportunities



2022 Partnership Recognition and Exploration (PRE) Fund

Deadline: Dec 31, 2022, or until funds are exhausted
Award: \$1,500

Aims to empower community partners to build reciprocal relationships with UBC students, faculty, and staff by filling small resource gaps.

Full details [here](#).

Health Innovation Funding Investment Award

Deadline: October 14, 2022
Award: \$10,000-\$25,000

Catalyze cross-faculty and cross-campus collaborations at UBC's Vancouver and Okanagan campuses to develop new teams, pursue new ideas, or translate findings from innovative health-related research.

Full details [here](#).

UBC Health After 2020

Deadline: Sep 29, 2022.
Award: \$10,000

Supports researchers engaging in interdisciplinary, cross-institutional collaborations that aim to create change in health and health producing systems and build a community of UBC Health Scholars. This year's theme is Health In Unexpected Places.

Details [here](#).

UBC Graduate Student Travel and Research Dissemination Fund

UBC Post-Doctoral Travel Awards

Award: \$250-\$1,000

Award: Up to \$500

Open-access publication costs or conference registration and travel costs for a presentation by UBC graduate students.

Full details [here](#).

Conference registration and travel costs for post-doctoral fellows attending conferences to present research conducted while at UBC.

Full details [here](#).



Thrasher Research Fund Early Career Awards

Concept Note: Sep 13, 2022
Full Application (Invitation Only): Nov 4, 2022.
Award: \$25,000 USD over 2 years

Supports medical research in child health conducted by new researchers with oversight by a mentor. Open to medical residents/fellows and post-doctoral fellows worldwide.

Full details [here](#).



**ORGANIZATION
FOR WOMEN IN
SCIENCE FOR THE
DEVELOPING WORLD**

The Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World - Elsevier Foundation Awards for Early Career Women Scientists in the Developing World.

Due: Sep 15, 2022
Award: \$5,000 USD

Open to applicants living and working in a science-and technology-lagging country (STLCs). This grant supports women in the early stages of their scientific careers who have made a demonstrable impact on the research environment, both at a regional and international level, and have received their PhD in STEM in the last 10 years.

Full details [here](#).

Action on Sepsis is based in the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples – SK̓WX̓WÚ7MESH (Squamish), STÓ:LŌ and SƏ́ÍŁWƏTƏʔ/SELILWITULH (Tsleilm-Waututh) and XʷMƏΘKʷƏÝƏM (Musqueam) Nations. We also invite everyone to reflect on the land they currently work and live on.

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