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## Action on Sepsis

Research Excellence Cluster

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## 2019 GCRC Winners Announced

**Action on Sepsis has been funded for its second year as an emerging cluster!**

This year UBC's VP Research & Innovation Office received 69 applications (totaling \$9.7M in requests) for their Grants for Catalyzing Research Clusters competition. Each application received 3 reviews and an inter-disciplinary panel of external and internal reviewers met to discuss the top-ranked proposals. Ultimately, only 26 applications were selected for funding, including Action on Sepsis for its second year as a research excellence cluster.

...AND WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

**A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO YOU** AND EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED SUPPORT ACTION ON SEPSIS IN OUR FIRST EXCEPTIONAL YEAR.



## ...& STILL MORE CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER...



### CIHR SEPSIS RESEARCH NETWORK FUNDED!

The Sepsis Research Network Team Grant led by Dr **Alison Fox-Robichaud** (McMaster), with support from Action on Sepsis, was approved for funding. The network includes over half a dozen researchers from the Action on Sepsis cluster, as well as sepsis researchers and patient partners across Canada. This will provide ample opportunities for multidisciplinary collaboration over the next 5 years.



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Dr Wilfred Jefferies**, who recently became the first Canadian immunologist to be elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. This prestigious group elects academic inventors who have demonstrated exceptional innovation with inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society.

**Dr Bob Hancock**, one of Clarivate Analytics's Highly Cited Researchers in 2019. His publications on host defense and antimicrobial peptides, including a review on the next generation of antibacterial agents, were in the top 1% of cited papers for 2019.

[doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099\(15\)00466-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S1473-3099(15)00466-1)

[doi:10.1038/nri.2016.29](https://doi.org/10.1038/nri.2016.29)

## IMPACT NOW MEETING ADJOURNED

Two weeks ago, 100 researchers, clinicians, policy-makers, and educators gathered in Stellenbosch, South Africa for a 3-day conference to discuss innovations for improving maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) in sub-Saharan Africa. The final day of the conference focused specifically on the emerging challenges of sepsis in MNCH, featuring many exciting seminars and panels by leading experts in sepsis, including Dr Ellen Chirwa and Dr Kondwani Kawaza from the University of Malawi and Dr Tex Kissoon from BC Children's Hospital. Check [sepsis.ubc.ca/news](http://sepsis.ubc.ca/news) in January for a more in-depth look at the innovative technologies featured during the meeting that are focused on reducing the burden of sepsis.



Photo by TJohnson at the Impact Now Meeting, Stellenbosch, SA. Nov 18, 2019

## OUR PATIENT PARTNERS NEED YOUR HELP!



Christine Caron and Marie-Maxime Bergeron are putting together a survey that they will be sending out to members of their sepsis survivor support groups, and have offered to include questions from the cluster members. This is a great opportunity to gain patient input into our research project aims and begin engaging in patient-oriented research.

For more information, email [Stefanie.Novakowski@bcchr.ca](mailto:Stefanie.Novakowski@bcchr.ca) and include in the subject: "Patient Oriented Research"

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