

Campus Alberta Forum

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Background

- ▶ ~75% of patients with chronic diseases use complementary therapies (CT)
 - ▶ Often without discussion with their health care providers
 - ▶ Contrary to goal of patient-centred evidence-informed care
- ▶ **Integrative Health Institute** established Sept 2014 (uab.ca/ihl)
- ▶ **Emmy Droog Chair in CAHC** (UofL), July, 2014
- ▶ Partnership between U of A, U of C, U of L, and AHS re: scholarship (research and education) to inform practice and policy

Goals of meeting: Dec 2014

- ▶ To connect interdisciplinary researchers, patients, healthcare providers (AHS), health policy-makers and other decision-makers (AH, AIHS)
- ▶ To develop a pan-Alberta research agenda and formulate plans for an application to the *CIHR-SPOR Network in Chronic Disease*

CIHR SPOR in Chronic Disease LOI submitted Jan 2015

- ▶ Purpose: Evaluate benefits and harms of CT use in patients with highly prevalent and life-altering chronic diseases
- ▶ Patient populations: 1) Oncology: patients with cancer and cancer survivors; 2) Mental health: patients with anxiety and/or depression.
- ▶ Settings: Academic and community-based specialty and family practice clinics in Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia (including urban, suburban, rural and Aboriginal populations).

IMPORTTEN: *Integrative Medicine Patient-ORiented Translational and Treatment Evaluation Network*

- ▶ Membership: n=118
 - ▶ n=65 from Alberta (U of A, U of C, U of L, AHS, AIHS)
- ▶ Expertise in:
 - ▶ SPOR/patient engagement
 - ▶ Oncology
 - ▶ Mental health
 - ▶ CT research

IMPORTTEN Provincial Leads

- ▶ ALBERTA
 - ▶ Aboriginal Health: Lorraine Breault, U of A
 - ▶ Mental Health: Pierre Chue, U of A
 - ▶ Oncology: Linda Carlson, U of C
 - ▶ Family Medicine: Maeve O'Beirne, U of C
 - ▶ Gender champion: Kathy Hegadoren, U of A
 - ▶ University of Alberta: Sunita Vohra (NPI)*
 - ▶ University of Calgary: Glenda MacQueen
 - ▶ University of Lethbridge: Brenda Leung
 - ▶ AHS: Verna Yiu (PI)*
- ▶ ONTARIO: Heather Boon (PI)* and Lynda Balneaves (PI)*
- ▶ NOVA SCOTIA: Tannis Jurgens and Rob Rutledge (PI)*

* CIHR specified 5 interdisciplinary PIs on LOI, including one decision-maker and one health care provider

IMPORTTEN Membership

Provinces/Countries Represented		Universities Represented
Canadian (n=13 Universities)	Alberta (n=3)	University of Alberta University of Calgary University of Lethbridge
	Ontario (n=7)	McMaster University Ryerson University Western University University of Ottawa University of Toronto University of Waterloo University of Windsor
	Nova Scotia (n=1)	Dalhousie University
	Saskatchewan (n=1)	University of Saskatchewan
	British Columbia (n=1)	University of British Columbia
International (n=9 Universities)	USA (n=5)	Brown University Columbia University University of California, Davis University of Maryland University of Michigan
	Australia (n=1)	University of Queensland
	The Netherlands (n=1)	VU University (Amsterdam)
	Switzerland (n=1)	University of Zurich
	New Zealand (n=1)	University of Canterbury

Outcomes

- ▶ CIHR-SPOR Networks in Chronic Disease competition LOI:
 - SUCCESS!
- ▶ Meeting #2: Calgary April 2015
- ▶ Next stage - full application due Oct 2015
 - ▶ 1 of 3 teams from Alberta (20 from across Canada)

Next steps

- ▶ Network building - consensus on vision and focus
- ▶ Raising matching funds (\$12.5M; 25% in-kind)
- ▶ Develop work packages in areas of
 - ▶ Patient/HCP engagement
 - ▶ Knowledge synthesis and translation
 - ▶ Observational cohort
 - ▶ Data linkages
 - ▶ Translational trials (bench to bedside)

Thank you

Questions?