

# UBC Cardiology Research News

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## Message from Research Director

Dear Colleagues:

I hope you are as impressed as I am with this latest quarterly newsletter showcasing the continuous productivity and achievements of our Division. I am especially pleased to report the great success in externally awarded grants (Tara Sedlak, James McKinney, Karin Humphries, Zachary Laksman) and also offer congratulations to the successful applicants of this cycle's CAPP Pilot Project Awards (Jason Andrade and Jasmine Grewal),

In order to implement the next, large step in the evolution of our research focus, we are developing a job description for an individual that will augment our research infrastructure and who will facilitate the multiple tasks required to get good ideas out for peer review. We are hopeful that this augmented service can take place within this year. This will further strengthen our capacity and competitiveness for external awards.

I appreciate all the ongoing support of Faye Pedersen and the Research Committee, especially in ensuring rigorous peer review of the CAPP Pilot Project proposals which were quite numerous this year. In order to keep up with this task, we have tried to expand our national pool of colleagues who help advise us and a new member, Michael Seidman, has agreed to join our committee.

I would like to wish all of you continued success and a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,  
G. B. John Mancini

## Awards & Distinctions

- **Brunner, Nathan** – Providence Health Care 2016 Donald M. Whitelaw Award for Outstanding Grand Rounds Presentation, "Pulmonary Hypertension – the other high blood pressure"
- **Krahn, Andrew** – recipient of the Providence Health Care, Department of Medicine Research, and the UBC Martin M. Hoffman Award for Excellence in Research
- **Laksman, Zachary** – recipient of the 2017 Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Health Professional-Investigator Award for his project "Developing personalized anti-arrhythmic drug therapy for atrial fibrillation"

## Grants Awarded

**Andrade, Jason (PI)**

- "Studying post-translational modification in atrial fibrillation using human atrial samples". UBC Division of Cardiology Academic Practice Plan Pilot Project Competition – May 2017

**Grewal, Jasmine (PI)**

- "Cardiovascular Outcomes in Pregnancy in Turner Syndrome". UBC Division of Cardiology Academic Practice Plan Pilot Project Competition – May 2017

**Laksman, Zachary (PI Liam Brunham)**

- "Investigating Pharmacogenetic Mechanisms of Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiotoxicity in Human Pluripotent Stem Cell-Derived Cardiomyocytes". CIHR – June 2017

**Humphries, Karin (PI)**

- "Leveling the playing field: improved diagnosis and outcomes for young women with myocardial infarction". CIHR Planning and Dissemination Grant - 2017

**Mancini, G.B. John (PI N. Bairey-Merz)**

- "Women's Ischemia Syndrome Evaluation". Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre - 2017

**McKinney, James (PI)**

- "Improving perioperative evaluation and management through physician engagement". Funded by the Vancouver Physician Staff Association Engagement Projects Subcommittee - May 2017

**Sedlak, Tara (PI)**

- "Ranolazine for symptomatic management of microvascular angina, a retrospective study". Gilead Grant Winner – March 2017

## Invited Presentations

**Krahn, Andrew**

- "Integrating Research Into Clinical Work - The Hearts in Rhythm Organization (HIRO) Initiative", Cardiovascular Grand Rounds, University Hospital, London, Ontario, May 2017

**Humphries, Karin**

- "How Low it Too Low? Analysis of Systolic and Diastolic Blood Pressure in Patients with and without Prior Cardiovascular Disease in the SPRINT Trial". Accepted for 2 presentations at the CCC, October, 2017.

## Invited Presentation (cont'd)

### **Mancini, G.B. John**

- "Debate: Approach to LDL Lowering: Treat to Target or Not?", 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Toronto Ottawa Heart Summit, Toronto, ON, June 2017 (Con: Lloyd-Jones, Chicago)

### **Saw, Jacqueline**

- "LAA Closure Update", EPIC-SEC, Atlanta, April 2017
- "Live case (panelist)", EPIC-SEC, Atlanta, April 2017
- "SCAD case presentation", EPIC-SEC, Atlanta, April 2017
- "Ongoing Multicenter RCTs of LAAC", SPAF, Chicago, May 2017
- "SCAD Update", Intermountain Heart Center Cardiovascular Grant Rounds, Salt Lake City, May 2017
- "Should LAA Closure Devices Be Compared to Warfarin, NOAC's, or Each Other?", HRS, Chicago, May 2017
- "Angiographic diagnosis of SCAD & coronary FMD", FMD & SCAD Conference, Cleveland, May 2017
- "LAA closure evidence update", CSBC Provincial Meeting, Vancouver, May 2017
- "Update on SCAD", UCSD Cardiovascular Grand Rounds, San Diego, May 2017
- "LAA Trials Update", Boston Scientific Canada Implanters Meeting, Montreal, May 2017

### **Sedlak, Tara**

- "Cardiac Prevention in Women", Burnaby Annual Cardiac Symposium
- "Update on Women and Heart Disease", VGH Foundation Annual Event
- "Women and Heart Disease: Chest pain with open arteries", 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Topics in Cardiology (UBC)
- "Approach to Chest Pain in the Office", CME on the Run (UBC)

### **Wood, David**

- "Emerging Solutions and Future Directions (3M Trial Updates)" Physician Training Seminar 2: Integrating the TAVR Minimalist Approach Into Clinical Practice, TCT 2017, Chicago, June 16, 2017
- "SAPIEN 3 Snapshots I - The New Sapien 3 ULTRA System", New Technology Forum: TAVR II. TAVR Systems, Part 1: Most Frequently Used TAVR Systems, TCT 2017, Chicago, June 16, 2017
- "Outpatient Elective Heart Valve Surgery: The Future has Arrived", Lumira Capital Partners Vancouver General Hospital Foundation, April 6, 2017
- "Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation", Heart & Lung Health FEST 2017, Vancouver, March 16, 2017

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