

# UBC Cardiology Research News

Reporting October – December 2015

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### Message from Research Director

Dear Colleagues:

With the first newsletter of 2016, I'd like to extend best wishes for continued success in what I am sure will be another outstanding year of research productivity. Congratulations to the newest CAPP Pilot Awardees, Drs. Bennett and Laksman, to Dr. Grewal for completing her CAPP Award and to Drs. Davis and Toma for demonstrating enough progress to warrant continuation into their second year of funding.

The Research Committee will be pursuing several goals of importance this year including better promulgation and awareness of the Terms of Reference for the CAPP Awards and the availability of funds for Statistical Support. The former provides advice of value to all investigators as well as a timeline to consider when contemplating a research proposal submission. The Statistical Support outlines resources available in our community, a process for accessing statistical software and a mechanism to engage and fund statisticians at the earliest stages of project development to ensure appropriateness, enhance quality and ensure efficient data analysis. I have communicated directly with provincial colleagues to entertain the notion of "made in BC ideas" that can be executed as a provincial group. There is receptivity for this concept and plans are beginning for a specific project in the fundamental area of assessment of chest pain, a theme that should engage all interested cardiologists in the province.

Another major initiative will be to create an action plan that will guide us in creating more research infrastructure to facilitate development and submission of grants. As always, direct input would be welcomed regarding these and other topics. Please also go to [www.ubccardio.com](http://www.ubccardio.com) and click the Research tab to access forms or to see descriptions of current services.

Warmest and best wishes for a successful 2016!

Sincerely:

**G. B. John Mancini**  
UBC Division of Cardiology  
Research Director

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## Awards & Distinctions

**Hadi, Haidar** and Horvat, Dan: Innovators of the Year, Prince George Citizen Healthier You Award 2015: for the Development of Northern RACE (Rapid Access to Clinical Expertise) Line. Award presented November 13, 2015.

## Grants Awarded

**Bennett, Matthew.** Discovery Analysis to Assess Genomic Markers of Acquired QT Prolongation. UBC Division of Cardiology Academic Practice Plan Pilot Project Competition – November 2015.

**Davis, Margot.** Cardiovascular Outcomes and Healthcare Utilization Among Breast Cancer Survivors in British Columbia. VGH Division of Cardiology Research Fund Extension – November 2015.

**Davis, Margot.** Biomarkers Associated with Hypertension in Cancer Patients Receiving Inhibitors of the VEGF Signaling Pathway. UBC Division of Cardiology Academic Practice Plan Pilot Project Extension – November 2015.

**Laksman, Zachary.** PERSONALIZED AF – Identification of gene based atrial fibrillation sub phenotypes. UBC Division of Cardiology Academic Practice Plan Pilot Project Competition – November 2015.

**Sedlak, Tara (PI), Galway S, Humphries K.** Cardiac Medication Use Post-Catheterization in Patients Undergoing Coronary Angiography for Suspected Ischemia with No Obstructive Coronary Artery Disease. Winner of VGH Division of Cardiology Research Funds 2015.

**Toma, Mustafa.** Complement -related Biomarkers for the Diagnosis of Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy. UBC Division of Cardiology Academic Practice Plan Pilot Project Extension – November 2015.

## Invited Presentations

### Grewal, Jasmine

- Systemic Complications in the ACHD population Workshop. CCC Toronto ON, October 2015
- Maternal and Fetal Outcomes of Pregnancies Complicated by Premature Ventricular Complexes. American Heart Association Meeting, Orlando FL, November 2015

### Krahn, Andrew

- Panel Discussion: AAD therapy for inherited arrhythmia syndromes. Annual International Symposium on Ventricular Arrhythmias. October 9, 2015
- Session: Brugada Syndrome: What's New? Venice Arrhythmias, October 16, 2015
- Chairman: Long QT Syndrome: What's New? Venice Arrhythmias, October 16, 2015
- Speaker: Syncope in the Channelopathies: What Can Gene Studies Teach Us? Venice Arrhythmias, October 16, 2015
- Session: Syncope: Dilemmas. October 16, 2015 Venice Arrhythmias, October 16, 2015
- Effective Use of Data to Impact Quality. CCC, Toronto ON, October 24-26, 2015
- Workshop - EXERCISE IN THE MIDDLE-AGED ADULT. CCC, Toronto ON, October 25, 2016
- WORKSHOP SYNCOPES AND DRIVING AND OTHER AMUSING DILEMMAS. CCC, Toronto ON, October 26, 2015
- Session Title: Inherited Arrhythmias: State of the Art. AHA, Orlando, FL, November 9, 2015
- Clinical Diagnosis of LQTS. Genetics 7: Latest in the Clinical and Genetic Aspects of Congenital LQTS. APHRS, Melbourne, Australia, November 20, 2015
- Chair: SCD 2: Sudden Cardiac Death at a Population Level. APHRS, Melbourne, Australia, November 19-22, 2015.
- Genetic Screening and SCD. SCD 4: Channelopathies and Sudden Cardiac Death. APHRS, Melbourne, Australia, November 21, 2015
- Heart & Stroke Leadership Meeting. Vancouver BC, December 12, 2015

### Mancini, GB John

- Expert Forum on New Lipid Therapies: Real Life Cases from Clinical Practice. Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, Toronto, ON, October 25, 2015
- Primary and Secondary Prevention of CVD: Focus on Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus. Cardiology Grand Rounds, Regina General Hospital, Regina, Saskatchewan November 18, 2015
- Statins PCSK9 Agents and CVD Prevention in Diabetes. 12th Annual Live Well with Diabetes Conference, Vancouver BC, November 20, 2015
- CVD Management in the Post Statin Era – clinical implication of new lipid lowering therapies. 29th Annual Cardiovascular Update for the Practicing Physician, Edmonton AB, November 21, 2015
- CVD Prevention in the Post-Statin Era. Cardiology Grand Round, Kelowna General Hospital, Kelowna BC, November 26, 2015

### Saw, Jacqueline

- Percutaneous LAA Closure: Tzu Chi Taipei Hospital, Taiwan (Oct2015)
- Update on SCAD: Society for Women's Health Research Conference, North Carolina (Oct2015)
- LAA Closure, When & How: Women in Electrophysiology (Medtronic) Meeting, Phoenix (Oct2015)

- ITC and Demonstration Theater - LAA and MitraClip (Discussant): TCT 2015 (Oct2015)
- ITC and Demonstration Theater - LAA and MitraClip (ACP lecturer): TCT 2015 (Oct2015)
- LAA Closure: Indications, Technique, and Outcomes (Discussant): TCT 2015 (Oct2015)
- LAA Closure: Indications, Technique, and Outcomes (Challenging Case Presenter): TCT (Oct2015)
- Oral Abstract Session: LAA Closure and Mitral Valve Disease (Moderator): TCT 2015 (Oct2015)
- Oral Abstract Session: LAA Closure and Mitral Valve Disease (CT Comparison): TCT (Oct2015)
- Live Cases: Mitral Valve Interventions and LAA Closure (Discussant): TCT 2015 (Oct2015)
- What I do for post-LAA occlude care: i2C Meeting Toronto (Oct2015)
- Cost-effectiveness of LAA closure: Boston Scientific LAA Meeting CCC 2015 (Oct2015)
- Moderator for WATCHMAN advisory board small group session: Paris (Oct2015)
- Population studies for PAD (co-moderator): AHA 2015 (Nov2015)
- Canadian WATCHMAN multi-center experience: AHA 2015 (Nov2015)
- The link between coronary dissection and FMD: AHA 2015 (Nov2015)
- Who needs a LAA closure? EIC 17th Conference, Whistler (Dec2015)

### Sedlak, Tara

- Heart & Stroke Foundation Women's Heart Health Event in Kelowna: Research update on women and heart disease. 2015

### Wood, David

- Management of PFO for Stroke Prevention", 17th Annual Western Stroke Conference, Vancouver, November, 2015
- Presenter, Great TAVI Debate Session, Defense Team, Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, Toronto, October, 2015
- Live Case Operator, Aortic Valve and Structural Heart Disease, TCT, San Francisco, October, 2015
- Digital Panelist, Live Cases: Heart Failure, Mitral, and Tricuspid Valve Interventions. TCT, San Francisco, October, 2015
- Routine Early Revascularization May be the Next COURAGE: Wait for the COMPLETE Answer! Knights of the Roundtable 2015: Stop the Madness!, TCT, San Francisco, October, 2015.
- Case Presenter, High Risk for Coronary Occlusion and TAVR, Transcatheter Aortic Valve Therapies; Today and Tomorrow. TCT, San Francisco, October, 2015
- Complete vs Incomplete Revascularization", International Session: What is Your Best Strategy for Treatment of Multivessel CAD? TCT, San Francisco, October, 2015.
- Discussant, STEMI, Shock and Cardiac Arrest: Breathrough Discoveries, Unsettled Issues and Emerging Approaches. TCT, San Francisco, October, 2015
- Next day discharge TAVI? A how to for programs", Canadian TAVI Program Development Symposium, Toronto, October, 2015

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