



C-SPIN Pilot Grants Call for Applications

Canadian Stroke Prevention Intervention Network (C-SPIN) is committed to support clinical studies and scientists in the field of stroke prevention.

C-SPIN Pilot Grants will provide operating funds to Canadian atrial fibrillation or stroke researchers to fund pilot projects.

The projects should be either:

- (i) Pilot or vanguard Randomized Clinical Trials (RCTs)
- (ii) Clinical research projects which will provide data for future RCTs. There should be a direct link/plan between the research and the future RCT (for example a registry to establish event rates to enable sample size estimation etc.)

Eligibility:

- Principal Applicants should have a full-time appointment in a Canadian University.
- Principal Applicants who are invited to the on-line full application phase must become C-SPIN members prior to submission of the full proposal.
- Projects should fulfill ALL of the C-SPIN relevancy criteria:
 1. Randomized controlled trials; or other clinical studies which would form the basis of future randomized trials.
 2. Should be related to atrial fibrillation,

related arrhythmia or their predisposing conditions.

3. Should be related to stroke prevention.

Award Value:

Awards will be for 25,000-100,000 per year for up to three (3) years.

Application Process:

LOI Phase - LOIs will be reviewed by the C-SPIN Executive Committee. Proposals that are selected to go forward may be provided with advice/issues to be addressed in the full proposal. LOIs are to be submitted via e-mail attention to the C-SPIN Executive Committee at e-mail address: Alina.Dragomir@phri.ca

Application Phase - Once successful candidates are notified via e-mail and instructed to proceed to the full application phase the full application and required attachments should be submitted on [C-SPIN Website](#). (Ctrl+Click)

Pilot Grant Application Deadlines:

- 15th Nov 2014 - LOI submission**
- 15th Jan 2015 - Full Application (Submit Online)**
- 15th Mar 2015 - Results announcement**
- 1st May 2015 - Awards commencement**

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Announcing the Launch of Our Website

The new site, launched on September 30, 2014 is now available!

Whether you are just visiting the site or you are seeking more specific details about the Network; our goal is to help you learn more as we strive to give the most updated information and offer great resources and engaging communication tools.

You can visit our website at www.cspin.ca.

C-SPIN Opportunistic Meeting in Vancouver

When: October 28, 2014 10:30 am to 2:00 pm
Where: Vancouver Convention Centre

It is not too late to register, there is still space available!

Please note that the meeting schedule has been arranged in consideration of the CCC scientific program and your return home travel arrangements. We encourage your participation in this exciting event and value your support to promote knowledge exchange and collaboration amongst our Network.

To register please download the [Registration Form](#) from the C-SPIN Website; complete, save, and email to CSPIN.admin@phri.ca.



PIAAF Press Release

NEW COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM AND TECHNOLOGY AIM TO STRENGTHEN PATIENT CARE AND IMPROVE PATIENT OUTCOMES

Pilot study at select Rexall pharmacies will test seniors for Atrial Fibrillation and other stroke risk factors

HAMILTON, ON – Patients 65 and over in Ontario and Alberta will soon have an opportunity to be screened for atrial fibrillation (AF), a common and high risk factor for stroke, at select Rexall pharmacies.



FREE HEART HEALTH CHECKUP

research project for those 65 years of age and older.

Ask our Pharmacist for screening details.

IDENTIFYING ACTIONABLE ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

BROUGHT TO YOU BY



Just 15 minutes to measure:

Heart Rhythm (ECG)

Blood Pressure

Diabetes Risk

Heart and Stroke Risk

Embracing a holistic approach to stroke prevention, the Program for Identification of “Actionable” Atrial Fibrillation Study (PIAAF) will screen people for AF, as well as hypertension and diabetes, two other common and treatable stroke risk factors.

The PIAAF-Pharmacy Study, which is supported by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada in collaboration with Rexall, is the first coordinated effort involving in-pharmacy screening using

a new handheld device and ECG software management technology which can record an electrocardiogram (ECG).

Developed in Canada, this new ECG technology enables AF screening to be moved from a traditional health care setting (i.e. hospitals) and into the community and provide seniors the convenience of managing their care closer to home at their pharmacy. Patients will also benefit from the advice and counsel of their Rexall pharmacist to better understand their medications and how to use them effectively. In addition, and equally important the program will link screening results with family physicians and specialists.

“This technology allows the diagnosis of AF in at-risk individuals which may otherwise go undetected. Proactive AF detection will allow patients to receive effective preventative therapies, thereby decreasing their likelihood of stroke.” stated Dr. Jeff Healey, Co-Principal Investigator. “As a result of such Canadian-led studies, we now have many options to prevent stroke in patients with AF, including the introduction of new and easy to administer blood thinners. It makes sense to search out patients who might benefit from stroke prevention therapies.”

“Pharmacists’ are playing an increasingly important role in the prevention, management and delivery of primary care to their patients,” said Warren Jeffery, Chief Operating Officer at Rexall. “Rexall is very pleased to be able to host this study at 20 of our pharmacy locations because it is another example of how neighbourhood pharmacy can provide convenient and accessible care closer to home.”

Led by **Dr. Roopinder Sandhu, Dr. Lisa Dolovich, and Dr. Jeff Healey** the PIAAF-Pharmacy Study is an initiative of the newly-created Canada-wide network, C-SPIN (The Canadian Stroke Prevention Intervention Network), in collaboration with Rexall Pharmacies, Boehringer Ingelheim, McMaster University, University of Alberta, CardioComm Solutions, PharmaSmart International, the Cardiovascular Health Awareness Program, and with support from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Offered at 20 participating Rexall Pharmacy locations across Ontario and Alberta, PIAAF-Pharmacy Study is anticipating 2,000 participants to attend the free Heart Health Check-Up screening sessions which begin October 2014. People will be informed of the availability of screening days through the Heart and Stroke Foundation website, via targeted social media and media releases as well as through in-store announcements by Rexall.



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