

Patient Engagement Day

Sandra Carroll, chair of the C-SPIN Patient Engagement Committee, held a Patient Atrial Fibrillation Engagement Day on April 24, 2017 at the Population Health Research Institute.

Twenty-six Hamilton-area patients and their families participated in a facilitated interactive workshop on the concerns they have about AF. Responses were collected on laptops, analyzed and will be used to inform future research priorities. For more information, click [here](#).



Sandra Carroll, Jeff Healey, Patient partners David Malcolm and Annette Aquin

PIAAF-Pharmacy Final Results Published

Roopinder Sandhu, Lisa Dolovich, Bishoy Deif, Walid Barake, Gina Agarwal, Alex Grinvalds, Ting Lim, F. Russell Quinn, David Gladstone, David Conen, Stuart J Connolly and Jeff Healey published "High prevalence of modifiable stroke risk factors identified in a pharmacy-based screening programme" in *Open Heart*. Click [here](#) for the article.

1,145 participants aged 65+ were screened at 30 pharmacies using a hand-held ECG device, blood pressure and diabetes risk estimated. 'Actionable' AF was identified in 2.5% (95% CI 1.7 to 3.6; n=29); of these, 96% were newly diagnosed. At 3 months, only 17% of participants were started on OAC, 50% had improved BP and 71% had confirmatory diabetes testing.

CIHR Planning and Dissemination Grant Awarded

Davina Banner-Lukaris, Shawn Aaron, Sandra Carroll, Ian Graham, Jeff Healey, Daman Kandola, Mary Runte, Steward Duncan and Anthony Tang received a grant for Patient Engagement in Canadian Circulatory and Respiratory Research Networks: An Inter-Network Consultations on Priority Setting and Planning for Meaningful Patient Engagement. \$15,000 over one year, plus \$20,000 in-kind.

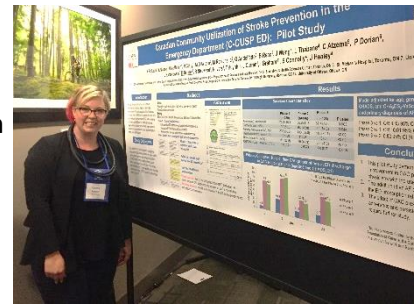
George Wyse Lecture of a Lifetime

George Wyse, a C-SPIN External Advisory Committee member, presented his Lecture of a Lifetime on May 16, 2017 at the University of Calgary. He is acclaimed as Alberta's first clinical cardiac electrophysiologist, attracting international recognition for his leadership and research in RCTs involving clinical arrhythmia. Click [here](#) for the video.



C-CUSP ED Baseline Results Presented

Davina Banner-Lukaris presented a poster on the C-CUSP ED study results at the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians on June 4, 2017 in Whistler. Ratika Parkash, the Principal Investigator, is currently writing the final results manuscript. The study demonstrated a significant improvement in OAC prescription by ED physicians using a simple checklist.



Patient Engagement Article In Press

Sandra Carroll, and co-authors Embuldeniya, G., Berkesse, A., Abelson, J., McGillion, M., Healey, J.S have written "Questioning patient engagement: Research scientists' perceptions of the challenges of patient engagement in a cardiovascular research network." which is in press in the journal *Patient Preference and Adherence*.

Emerging Research Leaders Initiative Awarded for 2016/17



Ashkan Shoamanesh received the award of \$137,159 for his project "Novel Anticoagulant for Stroke Prevention in patients with Atrial Fibrillation and Intracerebral

Hemorrhage" (NASPAF-ICH). For more information on this study, click [here](#).