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dont la santé se fragilise

Improving care
for the frail elderly^{MCC/™}

Network Update

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Welcome to TVN's monthly newsletter, aimed at keeping the Network community up-to-date with Network news, deadlines, events and funding information, and other information concerning improving care for the seriously ill, frail elderly.

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New TVN funding opportunity -- 2015 Frailty RFP

TVN is seeking proposals focused on measuring the degree of frailty in the elderly through two competitions: A) Knowledge Synthesis proposals, and B) Implementation proposals.

Pre-application Indications of Intent are due by Monday, March 23, 2015 at 5 pm ET. Only those who submit their intent by the deadline are eligible to submit full application packages. Full applications are due by Monday, April 27, 2015 at 5 pm ET. For full details on these competitions, including eligibility criteria, networking and partnership requirements, and a description of deliverables, please consult the RFP Guidance Document in the [Funding Opportunities section at www.tvn-nce.ca](http://www.tvn-nce.ca) ([en français](#)).

Competition A: Knowledge Synthesis Projects

Projects funded will inform future research priorities for TVN and guide in the future development of its knowledge translation activities, through a comprehensive review and analysis of frailty measures, the utility of operationalizing a frailty measure in various health care settings, and possible preventive and therapeutic treatment options for frailty. All forms of knowledge synthesis are eligible. Priority will be given to proposals that include a review of relevant practices and policies implemented in other countries that successfully operationalized the early identification of frailty in the elderly, and that put this relevant learning into context of how these policy and practices could be implemented in the Canadian health care system.

Timeline: 6 months maximum from time of approval

Budget: \$25,000 to \$50,000 maximum per proposal

Competition B: Implementation Projects

Projects funded under this competition will investigate the feasibility of operationalizing a frailty measure in one or more health care settings such as acute care, residential care and home care. Creative, novel and innovative proposals are being sought, and pilot, feasibility and translation studies

are eligible. Projects must evaluate whether the implementation of the frailty measure resulted in appropriate changes to the interventions/treatments elderly patients receive and their impact on patient-centred outcomes. The conduct of the study across multiple jurisdictions would be important, as to demonstrate future scalability proposals must include a description of future plans to implement the study across Canada in a subsequent grant submission.

Timeline: 12 months maximum from time of approval

Budget: \$100,000 maximum per proposal

Register now for upcoming TVN webinars..

Wednesday, March 4 at 12 noon ET – *Priorities for improving End-of-Life Care (EOL) in Canada*

-- TVN Theme Lead John You, MD, MSc, FRCPC, McMaster University

Wednesday, April 1 at 12 noon ET – *Improving acute and critical care* – TVN Theme Lead Paul

Hébert, MD, Physician-in-Chief, Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM)

Wednesday, May 6 at 12 noon ET – *Choosing health care options by involving Canada's elderly:*

the CHOICE knowledge synthesis project (Final Results of TVN-funded project) -- Paul Stolee,

PhD, MSc, MPA, BA, University of Waterloo

Summer employment opportunities for undergraduate students

A crucial part of TVN's NCE mandate is to develop the next generation of Highly Qualified Personnel (HQP) – the scientists, clinicians and health services professionals capable of developing, evaluating, disseminating and implementing the health care tools, technologies and interventions that will improve care of the seriously ill, frail elderly.

TVN invites eligible undergraduate students to submit applications for our Summer Student Awards Program 2015. Up to ten (10) awards will still be available covering 14 weeks of full-time participation between May 11 and August 14, 2015. Each TVN award is a maximum of \$4,500 for student salary and benefits, and **the student's supervisor must also guarantee that they will provide 100% matching funds**, also for the student's salary and benefits.

Important dates:

Friday, February 27, 2015 by 12 noon ET – Pre-application Indication of Intent due

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 12 noon ET – Applications due

[Click here to view the Call and register your intent to apply.](#)

Calls for abstracts – TVN Conference

TVN is seeking abstracts for the *3rd Annual TVN Conference on improving care for the frail elderly* to be held in Toronto from Sunday, September 27 to Tuesday, September 29, 2015. To ensure a broad slate of session offerings from different individuals and institutions, this is an open call.

TVN's annual conference provides unique opportunities to those concerned with improving health care for the seriously ill, frail elderly to share knowledge, best practices and policy, and at the same time, network with others working in the field to collaborate and build relationships. 400 attendees are expected -- researchers, knowledge users, health care professionals and service providers, policy makers, industry, patients and families and the public.

**2015 Conference Abstracts are due
Monday, May 11, 2015 by 12 noon ET.**

[Click here to view the Call.](#)

There will be three categories of posters, based on the first author: TVN HQP, Students, and General. The TVN HQP category is limited to TVN-funded Interdisciplinary Fellows and Summer Students and trainees on TVN-funded projects, and abstract submission will be mandatory. Other students may submit abstracts under the Student category. The General category is open to all other applicants. As with the Session Proposals, this an open call, and attention will be given to diversity. While online abstract submission does not open until late February, those interested are encouraged to [view the abstract requirements in preparation](#). Abstracts are due by May 11th.

Interested in acting as a reviewer? TVN is looking for qualified individuals to review Abstracts (review during June/July). Reviewers will receive a discounted Conference registration rate (but are expected to provide their own transportation and accommodation for the Conference). If you are willing to act as a reviewer, please email us at 2015conference@tvn-nce.ca, attaching a PDF of your CV.

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The HQP corner

This section of the newsletter is provided by TVN Fellows Eric Chan and Kathy Kortés-Miller, sharing HQP activities with the rest of the Network. HQP, please email Eric (eric.chan.phd@gmail.com) and/or Kathy (kkortesm@lakeheadu.ca) with updates during your tenure with TVN.

This month, we highlight another of the Online Collaborative Projects (OCP) from small groups of TVN Interdisciplinary Fellows. **Kim Wilson, Laura Tamblyn-Watts, Kathy Kortés-Miller and Joe Enright** investigated the issue of long-term care (LTC). The living arrangements of older persons play a key role in their use of formal and informal care services, as well as in their health and well-being. Extensive literature has been published regarding the movement of elderly individuals from traditional living arrangements to LTC settings, and how such movement relates to changes in functional abilities. However, limited literature exists that identifies the social and health factors related to this transitional period and how these factors fluctuate in importance for the individual. For this online collaborative project, a scoping review was conducted on the social and health factors that contribute to and result from the transition of older adults from community-care settings to LTC. Understanding the social and health factors related to transition can help health care providers plan for more effective delivery of care, ultimately improving the wellbeing of older adults. Strategies may also be implemented to lessen the burden and risks associated with the transition.

Coming soon from TVN ...

Toronto: June 4-5, 2015. TVN National Forum: *moving towards a strategy for the care of Canada's frail elderly*. By-invitation. [Click here for details.](#)

September 27-29, 2015 -- 3rd Annual TVN Conference on improving care for the frail elderly (Toronto). [Click here for details.](#)

Other opportunities

POSTER ABSTRACTS DUE March 1st ... [click here for more details](#).

May 28-30, 2015 – Calgary: 11th CSPCP (Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians) 11th Annual Advanced Learning in Palliative Medicine Conference – *New Frontiers in Palliative Medicine*

The conference is a key learning event not just for palliative care physicians but for family doctors and other specialists who want to enhance their knowledge of palliative care. **Dr. John Muscedere, TVN Scientific Director, will participate in a CSPCP/CMA/Royal College/CFPC/TVN panel** on the afternoon of Thursday, May 28th Palliative Medicine in Canada: Positioning for the Future/Emerging Challenges, featuring the results of the National Palliative Medicine Survey. [For more information please visit the CSPCP Conference website \(www.cspcp.ca\)](#).

SIM-based CIPD funding opportunity

Proposals for funding due March 8th – [click here for more details](#)

In support of Ontario's Seniors Strategy, one (1) grant of \$99,500 is available to support a collaborative of seniors care experts and simulation educators in Ontario to develop, pilot-test and refine a simulation-based continuing interprofessional development program to address the capabilities of healthcare teams currently providing at-home care for older adults, helping seniors remain at home as long as possible. Applicants are expected to be a collaborative of academic/educational, health care delivery and/or community/non-profit organizations and inclusive of multiple professions involved in home care. At a minimum, the proposed CIPD program must be targeted to include nurses (registered nurses, nurse practitioners and registered practical nurses) and personal support workers, and inclusion of other professions is strongly encouraged. .

eHIPP (eHealth Innovations Partnership Program) launched by CIHR

Key Dates: Registration: April 1, 2015 Application: June 3, 2015. [View the full funding opportunity](#).

eHIPP will focus on developing inter-sectoral collaboration between healthcare innovation communities (researchers, clinicians, patients and decision makers) and industry to help realize the value of existing innovations. Collaborative teams (healthcare innovation community + industry) are expected to address gaps and inefficiencies in the care of priority populations, one being **Seniors with complex care needs in their homes and communities**. Regional workshops and webinars will be held to connect health care innovation communities and industry partners to support the formation of comprehensive research teams. [Click here for the schedule](#).

New Late Life Issues funding opportunity launched by CIHR

Letters of Intent due April 13, 2015. [View the full funding opportunity](#).

In 2013-14, the TVN partnered with the CIHR Institute of Aging in a series of stakeholder consultations to better understand the research required to provide optimal evidence-informed approaches for late-life individuals living with the challenges and limitations of major health conditions. As a direct outcome of these consultations, the CIHR Institute of Aging is now launching a [Team grants funding opportunity in the area of late-life issues](#).

This funding opportunity aims to build knowledge and capacity in the field of Late Life Issues research, and to provide high-quality evidence to inform health and social care professionals, as well as policy-makers. Teams will be required to be multidisciplinary in nature, and will require a training and knowledge translation component.

The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$2,800,000, which will allow the funding of 2 teams. In addition, up to 8 developmental grants of up to \$25,000 may be offered, if requested, to successful applicants at the Letter of Intent stage to help prepare the full application with stakeholders. Important deadlines are as follows:

Key Dates	Letter of Intent	Full Application
Application Deadline	April 13, 2015	December 14, 2015
Anticipated Notice of Decision	June 30, 2015	March 31, 2016
Funding Start	June 1, 2015	April 1, 2016

POSTER ABSTRACTS DUE April 15th ... [click here for more details.](#)

October 23-25, 2015 – Calgary: CAG (Canadian Association on Gerontology) 44th Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting – *From Possibility to Practice in Aging: Shaping a Future for All*

For more information, visit the Conference website at <http://cag2015.ca>.

Have an event or a competition you'd like to promote?

If you have an event relating to improving care of the seriously ill, frail elderly that you would like to promote with a wider community, **send us your details.**

TRY IT OUT: <http://www.tvn-nce.ca/stay-in-touch/promote-your-event/>

Upcoming events

April 16-17, 2015 – Ottawa: Taming of the Queue Conference -- *Improving timely, appropriate care for complex needs patients in an aging society*

Since 2004, the annual Taming of the Queue (TQ) conference has brought together a community of interest from across Canada to discuss access and wait time issues. Sponsored by several national health stakeholders like CFHI, the 2015 conference will focus on strategies to improve timely access to appropriate care for the elderly, particularly the frail elderly and those with complex care needs. **Dr. John Muscedere, TVN Scientific Director, will speak on the needs and issues of Canada's frail elderly population and the implications for service delivery** (morning of Thursday, April 16). [Click here for more details.](#)

March 23-24, 2015 -- Toronto: Canadian Hip Fracture Management Conference – [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

May 11-12, 2015 – Halifax: KT Canada 2nd Annual Scientific Meeting – *Patient engagement and partnership.* [Click here for more details.](#)

May 27-30, 2015 – Charlottetown: Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association 18th Biennial Conference. [Click here for more information.](#)

May 28-30, 2015 – Calgary: CSPCP (Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians) 11th Annual Advanced Learning in Palliative Medicine Conference – New Frontiers in Palliative Medicine". POSTER ABSTRACTS DUE March 1st ... [click here for more details.](#)

October 25-28, 2015 -- Toronto: Critical Care Canada Forum. [Click here for more details.](#)