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## Editorial:

The good, the bad and...This month, November, (yes, already, Halloween has passed and the ghosts of Christmas past are coming!) is “Purple (lights) Month campaign”, i.e. awareness month for pancreatic cancer, the 4<sup>th</sup> deadliest of them all. For this occasion, Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside has embraced the occasion to color the city. On a personal note, my mother’s cousin, a great man who married my wife and I and baptized my daughter, lost his life to pancreatic cancer. Health Research on pancreatic cancer is being conducted here in New Brunswick at [ACRI](#) part of CHUD-RSV by Drs. Lewis, Ouellette and Ghosh, via a joint innovation grant (<http://www.atlanticcancer.ca/index.php/en/news/158-moncton-researchers-receives-funding-for-pancreatic-cancer-research>) with the Canadian Cancer Society-Research Institute, the Craig’s Cause Pancreatic Cancer Society and NBHRF, “because health research means better healthcare” Lets’ support research for pancreatic cancer, let us be inspired by the Wahl’s story.



For the third year, the family of John Wahl is turning November purple to raise awareness about pancreatic cancer, with the help of family, friends, local businesses and the city. Mayor Brad Woodside, centre, has thrown his support behind the Purple Lights campaign. He's shown with John Wahl's daughter, Laura Hunter, left, and John Wahl's wife, Sharon Wahl, right. PHOTO: LORNA LAMONTAGNA/STC2 ONLINE

## TURNING NOVEMBER PURPLE

On another important note, we learned that one of our best, community and health leaders, Cardiac Surgeon [Dr. Marc Pelletier](#), a native from NB trained in such places as Stanford, McGill, Toronto and Dalhousie, will be heading to Harvard Medical School (Associate Prof.) and the Brigham and Women’s Hospital. We wish him and his family all the best in this new life adventure. Besides his professional activities, I shall never forget his stand-up comedic duo with another colleague at this year Heart & Stroke Foundation event “[Heart Truth Concert Series](#)” at the Moncton Casino. One day, the tide may bring him back from Boston to the shores of the Maritimes. In the meantime, NBHRF strategic plan is pushing for the further deployment of Clinical Scholarships for our Clinician Health Researchers, and new infrastructures for health research and innovation, and funding for the sustainability and growth of our health research NB-based Centres and Institutes.

- **Dr. Bruno Battistini**, President, CEO & Scientific Director of NBHRF

## Announcements:



### Clinical Trials Education Website Launched!

[It Starts with Me](#) has arrived! N2 is excited to announce the launch of its website created for the public to learn about clinical research and trials – [www.itstartswithme.ca](http://www.itstartswithme.ca) / [www.cacommeceavecmoi.ca](http://www.cacommeceavecmoi.ca)! The site was developed with leadership from our Clinical Trials Education and Awareness Committee and also supported by a CIHR SPOR Patient Engagement Collaboration Grant that facilitated a valuable partnership with patients and caregivers to inform the site.

We hope you will use this site in your work and we encourage you to link to the site, and/or place the link on your organization’s website. To help you spread the word about the site, we have developed some template communications for you in English and French (see below), to share either internally with your own colleagues, or to post on your website and share in your own external communications.

## Funding Opportunities:



**Mind Care Research Grants** – Up to \$20,000 to support research on mental health issues in the province of New Brunswick. Applications are due November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. For more, [click here](#).

**CIHR - IPPH Community Support (IS) Program – *Call for Applications!*** [IPPH Community Support Program -- Professional Advancement Awards](#) (mentorship, lectureship, visiting scholar, and skills building awards). [Application Deadline- November 15, 2015.](#)

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**Trailblazer Award in Population Health Solutions -**

The [CIHR-IPPH Trailblazer Award in Population Health Solutions](#) is a career achievement award that recognizes exceptional contributions in the area of population health intervention research. Two awards of \$15,000 each will be given to two Canadian researchers (one early to mid-career researcher, and one late-career researcher).

[Application deadline: December 16th, 2015.](#)

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**Embedded Clinician Researcher Salary Award:** Application deadline: March 3, 2016

The Embedded Clinician Researcher Salary Award funding opportunity is a priority-driven initiative funded through CIHR's Roadmap Accelerator Fund (RAF). The RAF is intended to support transformative and impactful research that aligns with CIHR's [Research Priorities](#) and is multi-disciplinary in nature. Scientific leadership and support for this RAF-funded initiative is shared with CIHR's [Institute of Health Services and Policy Research \(IHSPR\)](#) and [CIHR's Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis \(IMHA\)](#).

For more, [click here](#).

**[Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey Dissemination Award](#)** The Commonwealth Fund and its international partners conduct a survey in eleven countries including Canada that help measure and monitor health system performance over time. The target audiences for the surveys are rotated on a three-year cycle; in 2014, the survey pertained to Older Adults. The award is offered to trainees (graduate students, post-doctoral fellows) who publish or present the results of an analysis using Canadian and/or IHP survey data.

**Application deadline: December 10, 2015**

**Anticipated notice of decision: March 31, 2016**

**Funds available: \$2,500 for up to 10 awards**

**[Rising Star Award](#)** The Rising Star Award is dedicated to supporting graduate students and post-doctoral Fellows and to recognizing the research excellence and knowledge translation initiatives of these emerging health services and policy researchers at an early stage in their career. Up to three Rising Stars are awarded each year.

**Funds available - \$3,000 for approximately three grants**

**Maximum amount per grant - \$1,000**

**Grant duration - One year**

**Application deadline: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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## Career/Job Opportunities:



**Call for Proposals: CRC Tier 2 (NSERC)** – Bases on UNB's current CRC allocation, faculties on both campuses are invited to submit proposals for an available CRC Tire 2 (NSERC) position. Deadline (for Deans to bring forward research concepts and potential candidates): **Thursday Nov. 12, 2015.** For more details and to submit an application email Cindy Gillet at [cgillet@unb.ca](mailto:cgillet@unb.ca)

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## Events & Meetings:



**Dr. Art McDonald, Canadian scientist and recipient of 2015 Nobel Award in physics, will deliver the opening speech at the [Canadian Science Policy Conference \(CSPC\)](#) in Ottawa, Nov. 25-27, 2015.** Be Part of the Future of Science and Innovation Policy in Canada.

**The Fredericton Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Series presents Dr. Brian Goldman, emergency room physician and host of the CBC Radio 1 program “*White Coat, Black Art*” speaking on Patient Engagement – Problems in Health Care that can be solved with More Input from Patients.** Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015 - Fredericton Convention Centre - 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Presentation. Tickets \$50 - [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) Presented by the Canadian Diabetes Association Supported by Medavie Blue Cross. For more information contact [Erin.Pelerine@diabetes.ca](mailto:Erin.Pelerine@diabetes.ca).

9<sup>th</sup> Season of CFHI's On Call Webinar Series: A collaborative approach to a chronic care problem: Evaluative results from the Atlantic Healthcare Collaboration. To register, [click here](#).



Sessions in the series:

Nov. 25, 2015 [Lessons from Western Health \(NL\), Horizon Health Network \(NB\) and Nova Scotia Health Authority](#)

Dec. 11, 2015: [Evaluative findings from the AHC Collaborative](#)

**2015 Canadian Cancer Research Conference** – November 8-10, Hotel Bonaventure Montreal. NBHRF is looking for a delegate to attend, if you are interested please contact Alysha at [Alysha.elliott@nbhrf.com](mailto:Alysha.elliott@nbhrf.com). For more information, [click here](#).



**Public Health 2016 Young Researcher's Forum**

In collaboration with the [CIHR-IPPH](#) and [ASPHER](#), the Canadian Public Health Association is pleased to host the Young Researchers Forum at [Public Health 2016](#). This full day pre-conference session on Monday June 13th, 2016 will include a skills building workshop and the opportunity to engage with your peers during moderated poster presentations.

If you would like to present at this exciting event, we invite students and trainees to respond to the [Call for Submissions](#).

[Deadline for abstract submission: Thursday, November 19, 2015.](#)

**Diving into Clinical Trials? Sink or Swim! Conference – Nov. 16-17, Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre, Moncton, NB.** A must for all those involved in clinical Trials. Learn about: regulatory requirements; Ethic Board requirements; responsibilities of research team members; research documentation; and conducting a trial from start to finish.



*Diving into Clinical Trials?  
Sink or Swim!*

November 16-17, 2015  
Day 1: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Day 2: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dr. Georges-L. Dumont  
University Hospital Centre  
Moncton, N.B.  
Location: Bridge Amphitheatre

Facilitator:  
Janet Gallant, RN, B.Sc.N., CCRP  
Program Manager, Research Education  
Nova Scotia Health Authority

**A must for all those involved in clinical trials**

Learn about:

- Regulatory requirements
- Ethics Board requirements
- Responsibilities of research team members
- Research documentation
- Conducting a trial from start to finish

Registration fee: \$90 per participant  
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**Aging in Place Forum-Save the Date!** December 9th in Moncton, NB at the Four Points Sheraton. More information and registration to be released in November.

**CIHR Summer Program I Aging: Save the Date:** May 9-13 The CIHR Institute of Aging is collaborating with TVN on this innovative training event, **“Late Life Issues: Recognizing Frailty and Improving Care”**.

This unique, interactive training program will run from May 9-13, 2016 and will be held in either Kingston or Toronto, Ontario (TBD). Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows interested in learning about research related to the area of frailty and/or late life issues are encouraged to apply. Trainees will have the opportunity to participate in advanced training that crosses disciplines and brings together trainees, researchers, and members of the public and private sector from across Canada and abroad.

The program will be launched in December 2015 via the CIHR ResearchNet.

**Public Health 2016-Save the Date!** [Public Health 2016](#) is the meeting place for the public health community to connect, collaborate, innovate, inspire, share and learn. It is a gathering of leaders and change agents from public, private and voluntary organizations that contribute to health and wellness. [June 13th-16th, 2016.](#)