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## Editorial:

Some of you may have read a newspaper article this past week about NB getting its fair share of federal (health research and innovation) funding (<https://goo.gl/RV83VI>). In 2012 the CIHR President held meetings in NB with researchers. These visits resulted in a commentary from then NBHRF Board members and 2 revealing editorial cartoons in the Telegraph Journal. New Brunswick is relatively new to this “game” when compared to other provincial health research foundations across Canada ([www.naphro.ca](http://www.naphro.ca)). As well, our 2 medical training programs are new in comparison to the 17 Canadian faculties of medicine, and our investment on a per capita basis in health research and innovation pales in comparison to other provinces. With our province being relatively new to this game, capacity building continues to be one of our greatest needs. Capacity building means we need

more health students and researchers to apply to Tri-Council and national health charities’ research programs to obtain research awards and grants. We also need more infrastructure to conduct pillar 1 (biomedical) and pillar 2 (clinical trials) research.

We obtain considerably less per year and on a per capita basis from both CIHR and CFI (0.5% instead of 2.25%) while some other provinces have done better (QC: 31-33% when representing 23% of the Canadian population, BC, even better, etc). To be fair, these other provinces have been investing a lot and for a long time in their knowledge economy. The “loss” in CIHR funding represents \$90M over the past 5 years; imagine CFI that never invested in any major health-related infrastructure project in NB; true as well that we did not apply much in that category of CFI funding. As per ACOA for Atlantic Canada, it seems that Fed/Dev for Ontario has different rules

## Research cut will hurt N.B.

### COMMENTARY

The following is an open letter to Dr. Alain Beaudet, President of the Canadian Institute of Health Research.

I am writing to express my concerns to the provincial administration of the Regional Partnership Program by the Atlantic Canada Health Research Foundation (ACHRF). This is a significant step by New Brunswick in addressing health research and innovation and to ensure that researchers who choose to pursue their careers in the province.

CIHR is Canada's premier federal health research agency. Created in 2000, it currently distributes approximately \$1.5 billion per year to fund research in health research. In the Act of Parliament (RPP) that established CIHR, it is stated that CIHR will “... searching leadership within the Canadian research community to foster collaboration with the province and with individual and corporate donors.” Also, “... building the capacity of the Canadian health research community through the provision of research support to the province’s health research.”

Therefore CIHR has a national responsibility to address health research capacity issues within the province, not to support the provincial administration of the RPP program. In the Act of Parliament, New Brunswick is identified as a province of the population of Canada, however, not as a province of the population of New Brunswick.

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Shawna Lewis, a research scientist at the Atlantic Cancer Research Institute, works on a gradient incubator, a machine which generates a range of temperatures for cell culture.

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way to go! Despite of all this, we have to maintain our focus, maintain our determination, our investment in the knowledge economy, to show to the rest of Canada that we are part of this ecosystem that defines evidence-based medicine and best practices. When it comes to the “innovation” game, it cannot be an “imitation” game. Commercialization only happens when there is development of a discovery that emanates from research, the “R&D” duo, and that innovation is a sequence of those elements. Let us be reminded that



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commercialization (sale, export revenues of a “widget”) is one, but not the only practical outcome of R&D generating wealth, since new knowledge from applied health research does lead to new practices that can save a lot of money in the delivery of health care and social services.

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

*\*To see the articles in full, please contact Alysha at [communications.nbhrf@gmail.com](mailto:communications.nbhrf@gmail.com)*

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## Funding Opportunities:



**Canadian Institutes for Military and Veteran Health Research.** For more, [click here](#).

La Société canadienne de l'hémophilie (SCH) est heureuse de lancer son appel de candidatures pour les [bourses de recherche et fellowships](#) pour la période de subvention 2016-2017.

**TVN** - Fellowship Programs. For more, [click here](#).

### **SSHRC & CIHR Partnership Development Grant: Healthy and Productive Work**

CIHR and SSHRC will provide Partnership Development Grants to support new and/or existing partnerships to foster new research and related activities. Applications must be submitted to SSHRC's Partnership Development Grants funding opportunity, and the team must reflect expertise in both health and social science and/or humanities domains.

**Application Deadline:** November 13, 2015 ([email](#) all application components to ORS for review)

**Funding:** In Phase 1 the maximum value per grant is \$75,000 per year for up to two years.

[Website](#)

**Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Consultation Session in Fredericton**  
The CFI will be holding a consultation session on Wednesday, October 28th from 9am-11am at the Crowne Plaza Fredericton Lord Beaverbrook, St. John Room. The consultation meeting will be of interest to university administrators as well as researchers and project leaders considering submitting projects to the CFI.  
Date: Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 11am  
Location: **Crowne Plaza Fredericton Lord Beaverbrook, St. John Room**  
RSVP to: [rsvp@innovation.ca](mailto:rsvp@innovation.ca)

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## Career/Job Opportunities:



**Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research: Director of Finance & Corporate Service.** Deadline: Oct. 19, 2015. For more information & to apply, [click here](#).

**Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research: Director of Strategy.** Deadline: Oct. 26, 2015. For more information & to apply, [click here](#).

**Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research: Senior Manager – Evaluation & impact Analysis.** Deadline: Oct. 26, 2015. For more information & to apply, [click here](#).

**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:



**Canadian Cardiovascular Congress Meeting –** The 2015 Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC) is being held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC), in Toronto, Ontario from Saturday, October 24 to Tuesday, October 27, 2015. For more information & registration, [click here](#).



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### **BiomedCon 2015**

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The Biomedical Engineering symposium allows you to learn about biomedical engineering - and what it offers. Create business and academic partnerships, discover funding opportunities, discuss issues in biomedical engineering, and exhibit your biomedical work, projects, or companies.

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New Brunswick Health Research Conference – Nov. 3-4, 2015 at the Delta Fredericton. Register now, [click here](#)



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gala of Excellence** which this year will be celebrating Clinical Health Researchers in New Brunswick. To get a single ticket or table for the Gala, [click here](#). If you have any questions please contact the NBHRF office at [506-455-8886](tel:506-455-8886) or via [email](mailto:email).



The **2016 CADTH Symposium Program Committee** invites submission of abstracts for workshops, panels, breakfast sessions, and oral and poster presentations, related to the theme of **Evidence for Everyone: Expanding the Reach of Health Technology Assessment**.

Abstracts must be submitted online at [Call for Abstracts](#). **Submission Deadline: Friday, Oct 30, 2015**. Questions may be sent by email to [symposium@cadth.ca](mailto:symposium@cadth.ca). For more, [click here](#).

**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?  
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**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:**  
Lodge Amphitheatre

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

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- Conducting a trial from start to finish

**Registration fee: \$80 per participant**

**Onsite available for:**  
Vitalité Health Network – Research Zone  
Academic Affairs and Research  
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**CFHI-FCASS Data Boot Camp Webinars: How to Get Your Data Into Shape! | Webinaires : Camp d'entraînement sur les données - une mise en forme pour vos données!** TVN - FREE webinar: Wednesday, October 21, 2015 12 noon ET

**Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Communication Tools for End-of-Life Decision Making: Final Results of TVN-Funded Knowledge Synthesis Grant (John You, Simon Oczkowski, & Han-oh Chung (McMaster University) To register, [click here](#).**

With advances in medical care, end-of-life (EOL) decision-making has become an integral part of quality health care so that patients do not receive unwanted, invasive treatments. Many structured communication tools such as decision aids and educational interventions have been developed to help patients and clinicians. However, it is unclear whether such tools improve EOL communication and decision-making processes or increase the likelihood that patients will receive the kind of care they want at the end of life. Join Dr. John You, Dr. Simon Oczkowski and Dr. Han-Oh Chung of McMaster University as they explain the findings of their systematic review of existing communication tools for EOL decision-making.

## Articles in the Press:



**Le point sur la démence et l'alzheimer (Radio-Canada avec Dre Sarah Pakzad).** For more, [click here](#).

**Billing numbers don't affect doctor recruitment: minister.** For more, [click here](#).

**Province looking for bigger share of funding.** For more, [click here](#).

*\*NBHRF's CEO & President shares comments throughout the article*

**Saint John Regional Hospital celebrated the end of smoking.**

