From the Department Head

There has been a flurry of activity over the past several weeks with respect to the University of Manitoba’s Academic Structure Initiative (ASI), and how we would like Community Health Sciences to be positioned in this regard.

This culminated with a well-attended department-wide forum with the Dean of Medicine on the 1st of April and a special Department Council meeting on the 4th, wherein votes were taken on different models for moving forward. The results of the vote indicated that a small majority of CHS members were in favour of the formation of a new College of Population and Public Health Sciences in a merger with all or part of the Faculty of Human Ecology; but that there were significant numbers of dissenting views.

Strong opinions were expressed by several council members on both sides of the issue. A document on the ASI was ultimately approved by the Faculty of Medicine Council on the 10 of April and will be submitted for approval to other health faculties this month (Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Human Ecology).

The document provides for the establishment of a new Faculty of Health Sciences with five constituent Colleges: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Medical Rehabilitation. The document does not make a specific recommendation regarding the creation of a new College of Population and Public Health Sciences.

The potential for the development of such a College is noted but its development will require further deliberation. The desire of
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the Department of Family Social Sciences, one of the three departments within the Faculty of Human Ecology, to join Community Health Sciences is also noted in the document. So further consultations will need to take place in relation to these issues over the coming months. I would like to thank all department members who have been engaged in this process. It has been an interesting and constructive experience and we will continue to be closely engaged in the evolution of the ASI.

Another exciting recent development is the creation by Dean Postl of the Alan Klass Memorial Program for Health Equity. This Program is situated within Community Health Sciences and builds on the concepts of social justice, health equity, and addressing racial discrimination as major determinants of health. Values and principles that were deeply held by Dr. Alan Klass.

The Dean has appointed Dr. Sharon Macdonald as the first Director of the Program and we are very grateful that Dr. Macdonald has accepted this responsibility. She also has a direct reporting line to the Dean of Medicine in regard to the Program. Funding for the Program is expected to come to a large extent from the Tolkien Trust, in addition to CHS, the Faculty of Medicine, and other sources. The Health Equity Program will bring together under one unit a number of activity centres and individuals within the department. This team includes: Community Engagement (Karen Cook, Dennis Bayomi); the Biomedical Youth Program, soon to be renamed the Youth Sciences Program (Francis Amara, Jan Middleton, Julie Daet); the Wish Clinic (Bre Woligroski, Paulette Collins); and the Alan Klass Local to Global Student Expression program (Anne Durcan, Robbie Chase). In addition, the Program will provide support in incorporating health equity and social responsibility considerations into undergraduate medical education; this will require close collaboration with the UGME program in the Faculty of Medicine and with several Associate Deans. We all extend our support and encouragement to Dr. Macdonald and her team as the Alan Klass Memorial Program for Health Equity evolves.

At the time of writing for this Spring edition of the Newsletter we are still struggling to break zero degrees Celsius. I hope that by the time you read this we will be in double digits and that we will be contemplating a fine summer.

On Wednesday, 1 May 2013, the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg will honour and recognise the contributions of women to our community at its’ 37th annual Women of Distinction Awards Gala. The YMCA/YWCA received a total of 78 nominations. Congratulations to nominees Drs. Judith Bartlett, Juliette Cooper, and Verena Menec of the Department of Community Health Sciences.

Manitoba Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Lawrence Elliott to the position of Medical Officer of Health and Program Medical Director of Population and Public Health with the Winnipeg
In March 2013 the Department welcomed Dr. Chencho Dorjee (Director) and Dr. Neyzang Wangmo (Director of Research and Industrial Relations) from the Royal Institute of Health Sciences located in Thimpu, Bhutan. They were here to implement the MOU between the University of Manitoba and Bhutan. Our guests appreciated the time that faculty members, staff, and students spent with them. We look forward to future endeavours together.

Health services to small remote communities is an important part of the health care system in Bhutan. Dr. Sharon Bruce escorted Chencho and Neyzang to Sandy Bay who hosted a site visit.

Dr. Joel Kettner was recently elected as the President of the PHPC (Public Health Physicians of Canada), June 2013-June 2015. Congratulations, Joel! Dr. Kettner is also the Scientific Director of the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Joel Kettner was recently promoted to Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Brenda Elias was recently elected as a University senator from the Faculty of Medicine (2013-2016). She will join Dr. Joel Kettner (2012-2015) and Dr. Robert Tate (2012-2015).

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Awards and Appointments

Congratulations to Community Health Sciences instructors nominated for teaching excellence in Medicine 1 – Dr. Patricia Martens, Dr. Joel Kettner, Dr. Pierre Plourde, Dr. William Libich, and Dr. Bruce Martin at the MMSA 2011/12 teaching awards, Teacher Recognition Dinner on 9 April 2013.

Congratulations to Malcolm Doupe, recipient of the Rh Award for Outstanding Contributions to Scholarship and Research in the Health Sciences category.

Malcolm Doupe was selected to receive one of two 2012-2013 CIHR IHSPR Article of the Year Awards for the article “Frequent users of emergency departments: developing standard definitions and defining prominent risk factors.”

Dr. Michelle Driedger’s Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Environmental and Health Risk Communication was renewed. Dr. Driedger will receive $500,000 over 5 years as a Tier 2 chair.

Dr. Michelle Driedger

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Congratulations to Dr. Salaheddin (Salah) Mahmud, awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Pharmacoepidemiology and Vaccine Evaluation. Dr. Mahmud will receive $500,000 in funding over the next 5 years as a Tier 2 chair.

Dr. Pamela Orr was appointed President of the North American Region of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease on 2 March 2013.

Public Service


Topic: Canadian Network of Observational Drug Effect Studies (CNODES) – what is it?

Dr. Pamela Orr joined Dr. Anne Fanning and MPs from the 3 major Canadian political parties on Parliament Hill on March 21, 2013 to announce World TB Day 2013 and to advocate for increased national and international efforts to prevent and control tuberculosis.
Circumpolar Health Research Network

Submitted by: Dr. Pamela Orr

Two organisations have now joined together to form the Circumpolar Health Research Network. You can find out about this group at: http://circhnet.org and you are encouraged to join and to get involved.

Members can be individuals or organisations. The University of Manitoba is currently an organisational member and I am the university representative on the board.

The organisation's goals are to foster education, communication, networking, and research in circumpolar health. The organisation puts on yearly summer schools for postgraduate students and health care providers on topics of interest and provides travel grants to foster attendance.

This organisation has been formed by the union of the former International Network for Circumpolar Health Research and the International Association of Circumpolar Health Publishers.

Please contact me if you have questions or ideas or comments. We are passionate about Circumpolar health, and we aim to spread the love!

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Community Engagement

The beginning of 2013 has been a busy time for Community Engagement partnerships and planning.

Career Trek

The University of Manitoba has partnered with Career Trek for several years.

Career Trek is a Manitoba-based, not-for-profit organisation that provides children ten years and older with the opportunity to explore several career paths.

The organisation likes to specify “as young as 10” as the ages for participants, however many span into adulthood with their young mothers program.

Participants receive hands-on experience in a multitude of careers with the goal of igniting their passion and potential for post-secondary education.

Career Trek visited Bannatyne on two occasions between January and March and approximately 60 youth participated in hands-on activities in the following careers: Medical Doctor, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, and Respiratory Therapy.

Students came from several First Nations communities (Sandy Bay, Long Plain, Dakota Tipi, Roseau River, ...
Swan Lake), Parkland Region (Waterhen, Skownan, Gymsumville, Pine Creek, Duck Bay, Winnipegosis), and from Winnipeg’s Pembina Trails School Division.

A huge thank-you to our student volunteers from Faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy and School of Medical Rehabilitation who came out for two full days to be great mentors for participants!

- Pooja Sharma, Medical Doctor Instructor
- Julie Hernandez, Pharmacy Instructor
- Ryan Persaud, Pharmacy Instructor
- Kwabena Osei-Bonsu, Respiratory Therapy Instructor
- Juan Monterroso, Occupational Therapy Instructor

I Love to Read Month

Each year in February, “I Love To Read” month is celebrated to promote a love of reading in schools, families and communities. This year’s theme was “Planting the Seeds of Literacy and Fostering Engagement.” The Faculty of Medicine partnered with Wellington School to bring our communities together and promote the love for reading during the week of February 25-March 1st. As readers to young students, we are able to support children’s literacy skills and help nurture their growth and development as engaged and proficient readers. Wellington is a Nursery to Grade 6 school with a diverse student population located just two blocks south of our campus. Thank you to the following
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readers who came out to read:

- Blair Nicholls, External Relations
- Dr. Sharon Macdonald, Community Health Sciences
- Paulette Collins, Community Health Sciences
- Marcia Dzik, Faculty of Medicine
- Melanie MacKinnon, Northern Medical Unit
- Barbara Shay, School of Medical Rehabilitation
- Karen Cook, Community Health Sciences
- Dr. Stephen Moses, Community Health Sciences

Rich Man Poor Man Dinner – 5 Feb 2013

Community Health Sciences invited inner city high school youth and program coordinators from the Rec & Read Program to the Medical student fundraiser. The youth were happy to hear the keynote speakers, network with guests, and tour our campus.

Meeting with Deputy Minister Jan Sanderson – 6 Feb 2013

Karen Cook and Sharon Macdonald were part of UM delegation to provide presentation to Deputy Minister Jan Sanderson on UM activities re: youth and campus/community partnerships. Deputy Minister Sanderson holds the Children & Youth Opportunities Portfolio.

Inner City Youth Attend Bison Games – 13 Feb 2013

Several SWISH (basketball) planning members chaperoned an excursion for inner city youth to Bison Men’s and Women’s semi-final games on the 13th of February at the Investors Group Athletic Centre. Forty-five attendees, including ten chaperones enjoyed the very lively and spirited games between UM and UW!

Upcoming Departmental Council Meetings

8 May 2013 - 10:00 am, A106 Chown
16 Sept 2013 - 10:00 am, A106 Chown
5 Nov 2013 - 10:00 am, A106 Chown
8 January 2014 - 10:00 am, A106 Chown
6 March 2015 - 10:00 am, A106 Chown

Upcoming Executive Committee Meetings

12 June 2013 - 10:30 am - R060, Dr. Betty Havens Seminar Room
3 Oct 2013 - 10:00 am - A106 Chown
6 Dec 2013 - 10:00 am - A106 Chown
3 Feb 2014 - 10:00 am - A106 Chown

Upcoming Community Events

- Swish 2013
- Bannatyne Minu-U
- Indigenous Mini-U for Inner City Youth
Over the past few months the Biomedical Youth Program (BYP) has been pleased to host more than thirty teachers working with students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 at the Inner-City Science Centre (ICSC). Educators from across the province participated in professional development workshops covering cell biology, environmental science, and physics of motion. Our teachers enjoyed their sessions at the ICSC and look forward to applying the skills and knowledge learned to their classroom practices – enhancing science for youth!

On a similar note, the ICSC has opened its doors to nearly 100 students from different schools undertaking curriculum-based activities led by their teachers. Students enjoyed activities exploring principles in chemistry, building water filtration systems, identifying small water microorganisms, and observing cells under a fluorescence microscope! Our student participants had a blast at the ICSC, some asking their teachers for another visit soon!

The ICSC has served as the “hub” of original student research over the course of the past months. The ICSC has been delighted to host more than thirty students’ project work, posing a diversity of questions such as the effect of food preservatives on the inhibition of microbial growth, physiological stressors on cell structure, and testing different conditions for optimal crystal formation, to name a few. Our participants are excited to take part in provincial science fairs held in April. We are very proud of each of our young scientists!

The BYP is in the early stages of planning its annual summer science camp, set to take place from 22-26 July 2013, right at the University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus. The Camp is free-of-charge for participants in Grades 4-12 and offers a vast array of activities from fields including Medicine, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Medical Physics and Imaging, and Immunology. The Camp relies on the assistance of more than 100 volunteers from various departments and organisations to deliver this unique educational enrichment experience for youth. Stay tuned for further details on our Camp and how you can get involved.

**Graduate Program**

**MSc Graduates:**

**Margaret J. Haworth-Brockman.** “Gender, Deprivation and Health in Winnipeg”. Committee: Dr. P. Martens, Community Health Sciences; Dr. D. Chateau, Community Health Sciences; Dr. M. Heaman, Community Health Sciences; Dr. R. Fransoo, Community Health Sciences; Dr. J. Ristock, Women and Gender Studies.
Department Colloquia

Jan 25: Verena Menec (CHS). Age-Friendly Communities.

Feb 1: Margaret Haworth-Brockman (Prairie Women's Health Centre of Excellence). Rethinking Women and Healthy Living in Canada.

Feb 8: Randy Fransoo (CHS). Obesity, health status, and health service use: Expected and unexpected findings from a large, representative study in Manitoba.


Mar 1: Ken Hahlweg, Yvette Emerson, Anne Durcan, Melanie MacKinnon (CHS). The J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit: Honoring Indigenous Self-Determination in Medical Practice.


Mar 12: Chencho Dorjee and Neyzang Wangmo (Royal Institute of Health Sciences, Bhutan). Bhutanese Health Care System.


Mar 22: Undergraduate Presentations, Community Health Sciences, Multiple Specialty Rotation “Award for Outstanding Paper in Community Health Sciences” and “Achievement in Community Health Sciences.”


• Jeffrey Tompkins. Low-Dose lead Toxicity: Implications for a 5mcg/dl Lead Toxicity Threshold.

• Bria Sharkey. Programs for the prevention and cessation of non-traditional tobacco use among Aboriginal youth in Canada.

• Corey Veldman. The Uneven Distribution of Tuberculosis in Canada: A First Nations Perspective.

April 5: Lisa Avery (CHS). 1000 Days of Opportunity: Enhancing linkages between food security, nutrition and maternal newborn and child health to improve outcomes among vulnerable women and children in Kenya.

April 19: Marni Brownell (CHS). Putting the Pieces Together: Using the Population Health Research Data Repository to Study Children's Developmental Trajectories.
Section of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Health
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Announcements

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ince 2002, Dr. Fondi Winston Boyang had been spending part of his year working for the NMU and part in his home town of Johannesburg, South Africa. This past December though he, regrettably for us, returned home permanently. Fondi touched many lives in Manitoba and will be sorely missed. We wish him and his family all the best. Stay warm Fondi.

Dr. Jeff Ivey (psychiatry), who first went up to Churchill in 1972 for a six week elective and subsequently became an NMU Specialist, is soon to be retiring. We’ve asked him to write a reflection article for our next Newsletter and look forward to including it.

We welcomed our new Financial Administrator, Kanchana Sankaranarayanan in March. Kanchana comes with 8 years of professional experience in accounting. She previously worked for Financial Services as an Account Analyst at Fort Garry Campus. Welcome Kanchana.

We said goodbye to the Island Lake Regional Renal Health Program Manager, Dwayne Koop on the 13th February. Dwayne started with us in the summer of 2009 and over the last four years some of his accomplishments included the implementation of new systems which improved patient care, decreased unnecessary waste, and increased the capacity for patients. We wish Dwayne all the best.

The position of Island Lake Regional Renal Health Program Manager has been eliminated and a new position, Director of Health Programs has been created. The Director will oversee the Renal Health, Diabetic Foot, and Retinal Screening Programs. We welcome Melody Genaille into this new role.

Melody comes with 17 years clinical and management experience in several First Nation communities. She has extensive experience with remote nursing supervision and clinical operations including human resource and fiscal managment. Welcome Melody.

We would like to thank June Grey for jumping out of her retirement yet again and taking care of the Renal Health Program during the transition from Dwayne to Melody. June oversaw the Program while Dwayne was on paternity leave from April 2011 to April 2012. Its been great to have you back June even for a little while.

Eileen Koop, Retinal Screening Nurse is not returning to the NMU after her mat leave but will be going to another Department in the Faculty of Medicine working as a Research Nurse. We wish Eileen all the best. Eileen had always liked the research side of medicine so we know she will do fantastic at her new job.

It seems all Koops have flown our coop!! (I know – groan – but it was just begging to be said)

Our perky, Amy Dytnerski who was replacing Eileen on mat leave will be staying on permanently as a Retinal Screening Nurse. Ava Halpin, our other Retinal Screening Nurse will be joining Robyn Gordon-Brown in the Diabetic Foot Program. Ava is busy with courses and attending clinics at HSC and looking forward to her new position with us. We will be recruiting for another Retinal Screening Nurse to team up with Amy.

Monica Achtemichuk and Bonnie Tinker are back to work from their respective maternity leaves. Welcome back!!!!

A big thank you to Pam Becker for jumping in to cover the Rehab Program while the ladies were minding their newborns. Pam stepped into big shoes as the acting Medical Rehabilitation Co-ordinator in January of 2012. Pam has done an excellent job in providing continued support and leadership to the rehab staff in the Kivalliq and overseeing the implementation of the new Rehab Database begun by Bonnie and developed by Julie Creasey. Pam left this role...
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at the end of March when Bonnie returned from maternity leave. Thanks for all of your hard work Pam.

Congratulations to Dr. Karen Appel and Joe Kaltunyk on the birth of their 1st baby, Emilia Anne who weighed in at 6lbs 11 oz. We are all so happy for you both.

Congratulations to Dorothy Parker, one of our transcriptionists on the birth of her first grandchild, Lily.

Congratulations to Jeanette Bouchard of Percy E. Moore Hospital and her husband on becoming first time grandparents of a baby girl. 

Betty Hughson, (l) at the NMU office at the U of M 1980 (r) Betty at the NMU 40th Anniversary Dinner (Dec 2010)

All of us at the NMU were very saddened to hear of Betty Hughson’s passing on the 7th of February 2013. Betty was an integral part of the NMU in its early years and a valued member of the NMU team. Betty was one of the NMU’s 1st Inuit Interpreters having started with us in the late 1970’s.

Betty loved helping the patients who came to Winnipeg for treatment. As was stated in her obituary: "Many times she would be called out in the middle of the night, 2:00 or 3:00 o’clock in the morning to help a patient. She thought nothing of jumping in a taxi and taking off downtown if a patient needed her at that time". That summed up Betty and her passion for helping people.

Our condolences to Michael, their children, and grandchildren.

Sharon Hunting Retires

Sharon Hunting is retiring on the 3rd of May 2013. Sharon first ventured North in 1972 to Fort Rae, NWT. Since 1992 she has been committed to her role as nurse co-ordinator for the Kivalliq area of Nunavut; 1st working for the NMU and then for the Government of Nunavut. We have set up a Tribbit site for Sharon where you can leave messages, photos, memories, or best wishes.

http://www.tribbit.com/tribute.html?t=1075921

We suprised Cathy Cao (who had been feeling homesick for China) by celebrating Chinese New Year: (front) Angie Wall
(2nd row), Lori Thiessen, Gail Yacucha, Amy Dymerski, Cathy Cao
(3rd row) Ava Halpin, Elaine Manzuik, Julie Creasey
(4th row) Melanie Mackinnon, Sylvia Sunstrum, Joy Langrell, Kathy Harlos, Jean Perry
Undergraduate Medical Education

Received from Ken Sun, Class of 2016, University of Manitoba PHIG student leader:

"Interest in public and community health is growing amongst medical students.

The Public Health Interest Group (PHIG) hosted a lunch talk on the 27th of March with a great turnout from first and second year medical students. Drs. Michael Isaac and Jocelyn Reimer gave engaging talks to over 50 students on the public health residency program here at the U of M and showed students their day-to-day activities. They also delved into many of their interesting challenges and the research projects they are involved in. More PHIG events are being planned for September to generate more interest in public health at the undergraduate medical level."

On 22 March 2013 we were pleased to have recipients of the 6th Annual “Award for Outstanding Paper in Community Health Sciences” and “Achievement in Community Health Sciences” present their papers at the Community Health Sciences colloquium series.

Third year undergraduate students complete papers and presentations on public health and health policy topics as part of the Community Health Sciences component of the Multiple Specialty Clinical Rotation. Thirty-four “Class of 2013” undergraduate medical students submitted their papers for consideration and the following four students’ were recognised for outstanding work. Congratulations to all.

“Award for Outstanding Paper in Community Health Sciences”:


2. Jeffrey Tompkins: “Low-Dose Lead Toxicity: Implications for a 5mcg/dl Lead Toxicity Threshold”

3. Bria Sharkey, BSc: “Programs for the prevention and cessation of non-traditional tobacco use among Aboriginal youth in Canada”

“Achievement in Community Health Sciences”:

1. Corey Thomas Veldman, BSc: “The Uneven Distribution of Tuberculosis in Canada: A First Nations Perspective”
Research Platforms on the Dynamic Link between the Environment and Health

Our health and well being is dynamically linked to the environment to which we are introduced and live. Understanding these links to improve health requires research teams representing a wide range of disciplinary approaches.

In our department, Dr. Brenda Elias in collaboration with Professor Karen Busby from the Faculty of Law (nominated project Lead) and other Manitoba researchers were successful in securing a SSHRC partnership grant ($200,000, 2013-2016) to investigate water as a human right in First Nation communities in Manitoba.

This grant was informed by the CIHR “Cherishing Water, Cherishing Health” grant ($25,000, 2012-2013) led by Elias (Nominated PI) and Busby in collaboration with Dr. Annemieke Farenhorst, Professor and Women in Science and Engineering Research Chair at the University of Manitoba.

From this collaboration, the trio then worked with other researchers from Manitoba and Canada and successfully competed in the NSERC Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) competition (led by Farenhorst $1.65 million, 2013-2019) with a training program for water and sanitation security for First Nations.

These grants developed in full partnership with Manitoba First Nations represent an interdisciplinary research platform dedicated to address the right to water as a macro determinant of health and wellbeing.

Another area of research illustrating the way our health and wellbeing is linked to the environment is though epigenetics. Epigenetics is an emerging field that involves the study of how our genome dynamically responds to the environment.

Stress, diet, behaviour, toxins, and other factors activate chemical switches within our bodies that regulate gene expression. To ensure that Canadians take a leadership role in a field that has the potential to transform our ability to read and perhaps intervene, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research launched the Canadian Epigenetics, Environment and Health Research Consortium Signature Initiative.

Dr. Brenda Elias teamed up with Dr. Jim Davie (Nominated PI and Canada Research Chair in Chromatin Dynamics), and Dr. Geoff Hicks (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics), Dr. Marc Del Bigio (Pathology) and Dr. Mojgan Rastegar (Biochemistry and Medical Genetics) of the University of Manitoba and Dr. Abraham Fainsod of Hebrew University to compete in this competition.

The team was successful ($1.37 million, 2013-2018), and will endeavour to discover the epigenetic signatures associated with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. Dr. Elias is the project lead of “Translating to the community: A social epigenetic FASD cohort study” ($274,000).

This study developed in full partnership with a First Nation tribal area will establish a study cohort (cases and controls) and test specific social epigenetic measures of familial risk for FASD and associated social-behavioural-nutritional-environmental conditions.
New Research Grants


Brownell M, Ouelette-Kuntz H, **Shooshtari S, Hanlon-Dearman A.** Validation study on administrative data in Manitoba for the purpose of ASD surveillance. **Public Health Agency of Canada. 2013-2014: $150,000.**


Davie JR, **Elias BD, Hicks G, Del Bigio M, Rastegar M, Fainsod A (PIs) Discovering the epigenetic signatures associated with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. CIHR $1.37 Million 2013-2015**

Hertzman C, Guhn M, Janus M, **Brownell M, Duku E, Forer B, Muhajarine N.** Examining the social determinants of children’s developmental health with a population-level, pan-Canadian database. **CIHR, 2013-2016, $888,942**

**Lix L** (co-principal investigator), with Bernatsky S, Lacaille D, Avina-Zubieta A. Administrative data in rheumatic disease research and surveillance- CanRad Network. **CIHR. Amount: $24,847; Term: 04/2013 – 03/2014**

Principal Investigators: **Millikin CP, Fischer CE.** Co-Investigators: Chow T, Ismail Z, **Lix L, Schweizer T, Shelton P.**

Neuroimaging profiles of neuropsychiatric subgroups in mild cognitive impairment and early Alzheimer’s disease. **CIHR Catalyst Grant, Amount: $50,000; Term: 03/2013 – 02/2014**


**John O’Neil** has been awarded a CIHR grant ($150,000; Co-Investigators - Joe Gallagher, Lloy Willie, **Josee Lavoie** in the “Healthcare Renewal Policy Analysis” competition. The proposal “Developing a Policy Framework for Co-Decision Making with the First Nations Health Authority and Provincial Health Authorities in British Columbia”. The project represents a partnership with the First Nations Health Authority in BC.


**Roos NP.** Improving Canadian access to evidence on health policy issues: Learning from a leading American health policy journalist. **Fulbright Canada, Specialist Program. 2013; $6500.**

Snider C (PI), **Brownell M, Elias B.** A multilevel analysis of risk and protective factors for youth homicide and severe intentional injury in Winnipeg. **Manitoba Medical Services Foundation. 2013-2014; $20,000.**

Wranik DW, Korchagina M, Edwards J, **Katz A, Levy A:** Funding Multidisciplinary Primary Health Care Teams: Designing remuneration and managerial governance models that supports the comprehensiveness, coordination, continuity, and quality of care (3C&Q) **CIHR. 2012-2013: $135,203.**
New Publications


Brennan SL, Leslie WD, Lix LM. Associations between adverse social position and bone mineral density in women aged 50 years or older: Data from the Manitoba Bone Density Program. *Osteoporosis International*. [e-pub February 22, 2013].


Deering KN, Vickerman P, Pickles M, Moses S, Blanchard JF, Ramesh BM, Isac S, Boily M-C. Differences between seven measures of self-reported numbers of clients of female sex workers in southern
**New Publications, cont'd**


Nickel NC, Labbok MH, Hudgens MG, Daniels JL. The extent that noncompliance with the ten steps to successful breastfeeding influences breastfeeding duration. *Journal of Human Lactation* 2013;29(1):59-70.


Presentations, Invited Lectures, Consultations


Doupe M. Research Potential Using Administrative Health Care Data in Manitoba. Presentation at Information Meeting with Researchers and Graduate Students, sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Society of Manitoba November 28, 2012.

Doupe M. Population Demographics and Rising Costs of Health Care Use: A Review. Presentation to the Seniors and Healthy Living Secretariat, Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors, Province of Manitoba, November 20, 2012.

Doupe M, Chateau D. Planning Strategies for Care for Older Adults Now and in the Future: More versus Different? Presentation to Executive Board Members, Western Health Region, Province of Manitoba, November 16, 2012.

Doupe M. Conducting Health Services Research using Administrative Data: The importance of Measuring Mental Health. Presented to the Faculty of Graduate Students, Clinical Psychology, University of Manitoba, November 8, 2012.

Driedger M. Communicating Health Risk Uncertainty: Busting the Myths, presentation with Cindy Jardine (University of Alberta), linked through national webinar for the National Collaborating Centres for Environment and Health and the British Columbia Centres for Disease Control, March 27, 2013, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Driedger M. Communicating Health Risk Uncertainty: Busting the Myths, 3 hour workshop with Cindy Jardine (University of Alberta), prepared for Alberta Health Services, March 15, 2013, Edmonton, Alberta.

Driedger M. Advanced Session for NV9”, training provided to the Law and Risk Communication in Health Research Group, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, March 14, 2013.

Driedger M. Working as partners: Researching Risk Messaging about H1N1 with the Metis, Research Engagement with First Nations, Metis and Inuit Communities meeting for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba. March 8, 2013. Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Driedger M. Communicating Health Risk Uncertainty: Busting the Myths, special presentation with Cindy Jardine (University of Alberta), to the Manitoba Public Health Community meeting, March 7, 2013. Winnipeg, Manitoba.


Driedger M. Introductory Session for NV9, training provided to the Law and Risk Communication in Health Research Group, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, February 26, 2013.


Martens PJ, Raymond C, Targownik L, Alessi-


Martens PJ. The Need To Know Team: Establishing a Robust and Sustainable Health Information Collaborative. Data Analytics for Healthcare annual conference. Toronto, ON, December 5, 2012. Invited plenary speaker.


Dr. Pamela Orr chaired a session on “Tuberculosis in Indigenous Peoples” at the North American Region of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease meeting in Vancouver on March 1, 2013.

Drs. P. Orr and L. Larcombe presented a talk: “Research and relational Accountability” at the “Framework for research Engagement with First nations, Métis and Inuit Communities” meeting in Winnipeg on March 8, 2013.

Dr. Pamela Orr was an invited participant at the “Tuberculosis in Nunavut” meeting held in Iqaluit, January 29-31, 2013.