



Faculty of Medicine

Department of Internal Medicine - Section of Rheumatology

Department of Community Health Sciences

International Symposium
on
**Rheumatic Diseases in
Indigenous North American Populations ...
from Molecules to Communities**

September 24 & 25, 2009

University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus

Frederic Gaspard Theatre

Basic Medical Sciences Building

730 William Avenue

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Rheumatoid Arthritis Research
in First Nations



Thursday - September 24, 2009

12:00 - 12:30 *Poster Set-up - 2nd floor Concourse, Basic Medical Sciences Building*

12:30 - 12:45 **Welcome and Program Overview**
Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy / Dr. Brenda Elias

12:45 - 1:00 **Opening Prayer and Drum Ceremony**
Elder Margaret Lavallee

1:00 - 2:00 **Living With Arthritis and Rheumatic Diseases**
Moderator, Dr Hani El-Gabalawy

Dream Catcher, Mr. Harvey Nicholas, Artist

A Life with Rheumatoid Arthritis
Ms. Joyce Greene

A Collective Account of the Impact of Arthritis on INA Populations
Dr. Brenda Elias - University of Manitoba

The Indigenous Person's Dilemma: Western vs. Traditional Medicine
Elder Margaret Lavallee

Discussion

2:00 - 3:00 **Gaps in Health Care Delivery for Indigenous Peoples**
Moderator, Dr Bruce Martin

Provision of Care for Indigenous People in Alaska
Drs. David Templin & Elizabeth D. Ferucci - Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Clinical Care for INA Patients with Arthritis & Rheumatic Diseases
Dr. David Robinson - University of Manitoba

Integration of Health Services for INA Communities
Mr. Richard Jock – Executive Director, Norway House Cree Nation

3:00 - 3:15 **Panel Discussion**

3:15 - 3:30 *Break & Poster Viewing - 2nd floor Concourse, Basic Medical Sciences Building*

3:30 - 5:30 **Ethical Considerations for Research in INA Populations**
Moderator, Dr. Brenda Elias

Ethical Conduct for Studies in Vulnerable Populations
Dr. Danielle Bromwich, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

Canadian Guidelines: CIHR Guidelines for Research in INA Populations
Dr. Malcolm King - Scientific Director
Institute of Aboriginal People's Health, University of Alberta

Individual vs. Community Consent
Chief Marcel Balfour - Chief, Norway House Cree Nation

Genetic Studies in Indigenous Populations – Opportunities and Threats
Dr. James Jarvis – University of Oklahoma

Ethics of Informing Indigenous Individuals of Disease Risk
Drs. Patricia & Joseph Kaufert, Ms. Dhiwya Attawar - University of Manitoba

Thursday evening -September 24, 2009

7:00 Reception

7:30 Dinner - Hotel Fort Garry (222 Broadway Ave.)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jack Klippel, President and CEO - Arthritis Foundation

Friday - September 25, 2009

7:30 - 8:00 *Breakfast and Poster Viewing, 2nd floor Concourse, Basic Medical Sciences Building*

8:00 - 8:10 **Welcome and Program Overview**
Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy - University of Manitoba

8:10 - 10:15 **Clinical Phenotype of Rheumatic Diseases in INA Populations**
Moderator, Dr. David Robinson - University of Manitoba

Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis in INA Children
Dr. James Jarvis – University of Oklahoma

SLE in INA Populations
Dr. Christine Peschken - University of Manitoba

Undifferentiated Arthritis in the Mexican Mestizo Population
Dr. Daniel Xibille-Friedman - Mexican College of Rheumatology

Spondylarthropathies in British Columbia Indigenous Populations
Dr. Kevin Keen - University of Northern British Columbia

10:15 - 10:30 *Break and Poster Viewing - 2nd floor Concourse, Basic Medical Sciences Building*

10:30 - 12:30 **Why is RA So Common in Some INA Populations?**
Moderator: Dr. Carol Hitchon, University of Manitoba

Prevalence of Arthritis Based on Questionnaire Data
Dr. Brenda Elias – University of Manitoba

Prevalence & Phenotype of RA in INA Populations
Dr. Elizabeth D. Ferucci - Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Genetic Risk for RA – Role of HLA
Dr. Kiem Oen - University of Manitoba

Genetic Risk for RA – New Genetic Associations
Dr. Kathy Siminovitch - University of Toronto

The Pre-Clinical Phase of RA: Lessons from the Cree/Ojibway Population
Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy - University of Manitoba

Friday, September 25, 2009

12:30 - 1:15 *Lunch and Poster Viewing - 2nd Floor Concourse, Basic Medical Sciences Building*

1:15 - 2:45 **Defining the Knowledge Gaps** - group plenary session

2:45 - 3:00 *Break & Poster Viewing - 2nd floor Concourse, Basic Medical Sciences Building*

3:00 - 4:00 **Small Group Sessions:**

Towards Defining a Research Agenda

Group 1: **Clinical Epidemiology**

Group 2: **Partnership in Science, Traditional Medicine/Healing
and Knowledge Translation**

Group 3: **Basic Research**

Group 4: **Ethics**

Group 5: **Health Care Delivery and Public Health**

Group 6: **Pediatric Rheumatic Diseases**

4:00 - 5:00 **Consensus Building: Where do we go from here with
the research agenda?**

Reports from Small Group Discussion

Panel Discussion: Group Leaders, representation from CIHR, TAS, CAN

5:00 - 5:30 **Concluding Remarks and Wrap Up**

Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy

Dr. Brenda Elias

Concluding Prayer

Elder Margaret Lavallee