



SEVERAL CANADIAN PUBLIC, ACADEMIC, HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS, AND CHARITIES ARE PARTNERING WITH CANTRAIN TO BENEFICIATE FROM ITS MULTI-FACETED PROGRAMS

NEWS RELEASE

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada – The CANadian Consortium for Clinical Trials TRAINing – CANTRAIN, is proud to announce strategic partnerships with several organizations listed above and cited below further advancing education toward improving the competency of trialists, clinical research professionals, graduates, and postdoctoral trainees in clinical trials research.

An additional milestone contributing to CANTRAIN's vision and mission (see our Strategic Plan) is to empower individuals with the skills and knowledge required to conduct superior, high-quality clinical trials.

Pr. Jean Bourbeau, the Nominated Principal Investigator, expressed enthusiasm about these partnerships, stating, "*These collaborations with such engaged organizations in clinical trials research aligns seamlessly with our vision of fostering excellence in clinical trial training. By engaging with them, we aim to create better courses by leveraging their expertise to further strengthen our capabilities to deliver state-of-the-art training accompanied by mentoring, CANTRAIN CONNECT, for clinical researchers and trialists.*"

These collaborations will facilitate the exchange of knowledge, resources, and best practices between our teams, creating a dynamic learning environment that empowers individuals at all stages of their careers. Through this joint initiative regarding e-learning / e-training programs, CANTRAIN, together with the above organizations, and those organizations already engaged with CANTRAIN (listed here), will collectively contribute to shaping the future of clinical research education in Canada and beyond.

Since its inception in June 2022 and official launch in January 2023, CANTRAIN has fostered partnerships with a multitude of stakeholders across Canada, including principal investigators, co-investigators, collaborators, and partners from various institutions and organizations. We warmly welcome the opportunity to collaborate with our new partners as we continue our journey towards excellence in clinical trials training.

For more information about CANTRAIN, please visit <https://wecantrain.ca/home/news-events/news-updates/> or contact info@wecantrain.ca.



QUOTES FROM THE NEW PARTNERS WITH CANTRAIN

*“This is welcome news to see a place where current and new researchers who want to participate in clinical trials can receive training specific to clinical trials”, mentioned **Dr. Roumen Milev**, Vice-President Medical and Academic Affairs Chair, Medical Advisory Committee, Providence Care, Kingston.*

*“BC Cancer is excited to explore CANTRAIN’s platform and modules to enhance our knowledge of clinical research. The Canadian-focused content is a welcome addition to our training requirements,” mentioned **Ms. Karen McGillivray**, Quality Lead, Provincial Clinical Trials, BC Cancer.*

*“We are delighted join CANTRAIN and share our patient centered approach to clinical trials in Canada, with the shared goal of ensuring that clinical trials truly meet the needs patients. With the support of a generous grant from Pfizer, Colorectal Cancer Canada (CCC) and CANTRAIN are co-developing three (3) training modules to evaluate Patient Preferences and Values throughout the clinical trial continuum. These modules will be used to instruct clinical researchers, patient researchers, and patient groups in patient preference research and how to gather and analyse patient preferences. In addition to our wonderful patient partners, our combined team includes Linda Hunter CANTRAIN-National Stream Coordinator, Iris Karry CCC Manager Patient Education and Research, Dr. Ana Maria Rodrigues, IQVIA Senior Principal, Real-World & Preference Practice Lead Patient Centered Solutions IQVIA and McGill University Lecturer. We are very proud of this partnership to help ensure world class patient centered clinical trials across Canada,” said **Barry D. Stein**, President and CEO, Colorectal Cancer Canada.*

*“It’s quite fascinating initiative. It took too long for this to happen. And this is something we definitely would like to get involved with. CANTRAIN is the next big and better platform for clinical trials education and connection with the top industry mentors”, said **Dr. Naheed Rizvi**, Director of Clinical Research, Ontario-based Cardio Health Clinical Trials.*

*“We are delighted to partner with CANTRAIN to complement Baycrest’s training offerings for the next generation of clinicians, inter-professionals and researchers,” said **Dr. Allison Sekuler**, President and Chief Scientist of the Baycrest Academy for Research and Education. “Baycrest’s Anne & Allan Bank Centre for Clinical Trials already is engaged in more dementia-related trials than any other centre in Canada, and this partnership will help us build on that unique strength. We look forward to sharing our knowledge with and learning from our CANTRAIN partner organizations to continue to drive innovation in clinical trials, precision aging research and care, and healthcare education nationally.”*

*“I like the idea of providing small sites these resources to be able to build the capacity as a research site”, mentioned **Ms. Brittany Spadafore**, Research & Policy Development Specialist at the Ontario-based St. Mary’s General Hospital.*



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“...It feels that everything that CANTRAIN has is more than we were expecting. This is an amazing training resource for all our research team members and specifically for immigrants.” mentioned **Dr. Manoela Ferreira** from The Canadian Donation & Transplantation Research Program.

About CANTRAIN. CANTRAIN (CANadian Consortium for Clinical Trials TRAINing) is unlike any other training platform. CANTRAIN's vision is not just to train people how to conduct clinical trials research; it is to prepare all Canadians for the future through an innovative, competency-based clinical trials training curriculum enriched by experiential learning and expert mentorship.

Why CANTRAIN CTPP?

- Competency-based training – Competence encompasses knowledge as well as the skills, abilities and behaviors that contribute to optimal performance. Our focus is not just training people WHAT to do, but HOW to do it well.
- Scientifically grounded – Our curriculum is built using adult learning strategies based in cognitive science. Cognitive learning strategies improve comprehension, retention, and the ability to apply knowledge in real-life situations to solve difficult problems more quickly.
- Patient-centered and inclusive – CANTRAIN is raising the bar on patient engagement by developing evidence-based best practices for training patients and community partners, in addition to advanced curricula for researchers in patient engagement.
- Real-work relevance, real-world evidence – Preparing Canadians for the future means helping them explore career opportunities in this huge ecosystem, providing a training approach that reflects the operational realities of clinical trial sites, and provides recognized individual and institutional career benefits.

About Providence Care, Kingston, Ontario (<https://providencecare.ca/>). Providence Care is Southeastern Ontario's leading provider of specialized care in aging, mental health and rehabilitation. Continuing the legacy of their Founders, the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul, Providence Care consists of Providence Care Hospital, Providence Transitional Care Centre, Providence Manor long-term care home, Hospice Kingston, and more than 22 community based mental health and support services across the region. Fully-affiliated with Queen's University and St. Lawrence College, Providence Care is a member of the Ontario Hospital Association, and is a centre for healthcare, education and research.

About BC Cancer (<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/>). BC Cancer provides a comprehensive cancer control program for the people of BC. BC Cancer's mandate covers the full spectrum of cancer care from prevention, screening, diagnosis and treatment, to research and education, to supportive and palliative care. BC Cancer operates six regional cancer centres, providing assessment and diagnostic services, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and supportive care. Research is an essential part of BC Cancer's mission to not only find the causes of cancer, but to find better treatments for prolonged life and better quality of life. BC Cancer's Research Centre includes six research centres including the Deeley Research Centre (located in Victoria) and the BC Cancer Research Centre (located in Vancouver), and eight specialty laboratories including the Genome Sciences Centre and the Terry Fox Laboratory.

About Colorectal Cancer Canada (<https://www.colorectalcancerCanada.com/>). Colorectal Cancer Canada is the nation's not-for-profit colorectal cancer patient organization dedicated to colorectal cancer awareness and education, supporting patients and their caregivers, and advocating on their behalf. Since 1998, they have been committed empowering and improving the lives of Canadians affected by the disease. **Colorectal Cancer Canada** is a powerful voice for change across the continuum of care: educating, informing, and increasing awareness of colorectal cancer—including the prevention, diagnosis and treatment. While colorectal cancer is their primary focus, through the connections they make, their mission assists the entire cancer community.

About Cardio Health Clinical Trials (<https://chct.ca/>). Cardio Health Clinical Trials (CHCT) is a research division of Cardio Health, with over 18 years of collaborative experience in working with multiple pharmaceutical



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companies on clinical trials from Phase II through Phase IV. CHCT caters to multiple therapeutic areas with primary focus on Cardiology, Oncology and Gastroenterology with a versatile team of skilled cardiologists, oncologists, gastroenterologists and specialists in other medical fields. CHCT specializes in addressing all matters related to quality, safety, and regulatory compliance for medical research studies. CHCT's mission is to provide high quality clinical trial management services for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, to accelerate the development of new, safe, and effective therapies.

About Baycrest Academy for Research and Education (<https://www.baycrest.org/BaycrestAcademy>).

Baycrest is an academic health sciences centre providing a continuum of care for older adults, including independent living, assisted living, long-term care and a post-acute hospital specializing in the care of older adults all within one campus. They are a global leader in geriatric residential living, healthcare, research, innovation and education, with a special focus on brain health and aging. Integrating research and education excellence, Baycrest Academy is home to Baycrest's Centre for Education & Knowledge Exchange in Aging and the Rotman Research Institute (RRI), one of the world's leading research centres for the study of aging and brain health.

About St. Mary's General Hospital, Kitchener, Ontario (<https://www.smgh.ca/>).

For nearly a century, St. Mary's has provided compassionate care to the community serving over 1,000,000 residents locally and beyond each year. They are the second-largest acute care hospital in the St. Joseph's Health System with 197 beds and a team of over 2,000 staff, physicians and volunteers dedicated to ensuring patients receive the highest-quality care possible. St. Mary's commitment to quality and excellence is demonstrated further through their achievement of Exemplary Standing with Accreditation Canada—the highest standard of achievement possible—for meeting or exceeding standards of delivery safe, high-quality care. St. Mary's is proud to be recognized for the second year in a row as one of Forbes Canada's Best Employers 2023 and Diamond hospital in Waterloo Region in the Record's Reader Choice Awards demonstrating their Commitment to staff and patients.

About The Canadian Donation & Transplantation Research Program (<https://cdtrp.ca/en/>).

The Canadian Donation and Transplantation Research Program (CDTRP) is a national initiative designed to increase donation in Canada and enhance the survival and quality of life of Canadians who receive organ, tissue, and cellular transplants. CDTRP's national integrated research structure brings together more than 300 scientists, students, collaborators, patient partners, and knowledge users at 37 sites across Canada. The interactive program structure is national in scope and innovative and multidisciplinary, encompassing synergistic and transformative collaborations. CDTRP stakeholders—who include industry and patient/family partners—comprise all of Canada's large donation and transplantation charities, as well as federal and provincial governments, start-ups, potential technology licensees, and a growing number of international collaborators.