HONOURING CHARLIE FISCHER

A lifetime of giving

The Association of Fundraising Professionals has announced the 2020 Generosity of Spirit Outstanding Philanthropist: Lifetime Achievement Award for Charlie Fischer who passed away last year. A beloved champion of children and families, he was the first Chair of ACHRI's Strategic Advisory Board and served for 12 years on both the UCalgary Board of Governors and Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation Board of Directors. A founding member of the Dean’s Advisory Council in CSM, Charlie was also a passionate co-chair of the campaign to build the Alberta Children's Hospital at west campus. Read more
Congratulations to our ACHRI recipients.

**Dr. Suzanne Tough - CARE Researcher of the Year**

Tough has led 20 years of research into understanding the social and biological factors of preterm birth and small-for-gestational-age newborns, recruiting the largest long-term group of pregnant women in Canada and following them and their children over time.

**Dr. Theresa Wu - CARE Award Educator**

Wu develops curriculum and innovations in medical education, including antibiotic usage in the critical care setting and use of lab testing in severe septic shock.

**Dr. Joseph Vayalumkal - CARE Award Advocate and Leader**

Vayalumkal specializes in infection control and hospital epidemiology. His research focuses on prevention and control, sickness presenteeism, outbreaks, and antimicrobial stewardship.
Dr. Gary Galante, MD, is a pediatric gastroenterologist at the Alberta Children’s Hospital and a clinical assistant professor at UCalgary. Joining the Care Transformation for Children Program, Dr. Galante is investigating disease management for cystic fibrosis, intestinal rehabilitation, and clinical nutrition. Welcome to ACHRI!

COVID-19 RESEARCH

Calgary Community Mask Survey
Dr. Katrina Milaney, PhD, and a team of UCalgary researchers are seeking to uncover what is behind people’s refusal or resistance to wear a mask. The group launched a survey open to all Calgarians over the age of 18 with the goal of informing public policy. Read more
Fill out survey

NEW MEMBER

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NEW TEAM MEMBERS
We have three new members of the ACHRI core team!

Chad Hay, MBA, is supporting ACHRI operations and leading the execution of the Child Health and Wellness strategic plan. He brings 15 years experience as a director at major organizations leading teams in strategic planning, project-program-portfolio management, organizational change management, and process improvement. chad.hay1@ucalgary.ca

Michelle Downey is providing oversight, management and reporting on ACHRI’s accounts. Michelle was most recently with Accounts Receivable, Finance Operations at the University of Calgary and has been with the academy for 11 years. mldowney@ucalgary.ca

Dianna Sneddon provides administrative support at ACHRI and has served in various administrative roles at UCalgary over the past decade, most recently in the Department of Cardiac Sciences. dlsneddo@ucalgary.ca

Huge thanks to Barbara Brownlee, former ACHRI senior administrator, now supporting ACHRI’s Owerko Centre and Kathy Gratton, former ACHRI research support specialist, now the program manager on the Genome Canada TiGer research team.

We are here to support your outstanding science – please reach out to us any time.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

A new initiative, Clinical Trials Alberta, has just launched. This collaboration of government, academic institutions, and healthcare delivery organizations is designed to attract and enable high-quality clinical trials to improve the health of people across
the globe. Partners are providing funding, expertise, and in-kind resources.

Learn more or follow @clintrialsAB

NEW Pre-announcement CIHR COVID-19 Funding
Understanding and mitigating the impacts of the pandemic on children, youth and families in Canada - Deadline is week of July 26
COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence - Deadline is week of August 9

Learn more

Office of the Associate Dean Research
Collaborating with other academics
Friday, June 4
2:30 pm - 4 pm
Panel includes Drs. Marie-Claire Arrieta, Francois Bernier, Stephen Freedman, and Deborah Marshall

Register

The Pediatric Health Outcomes Research Program is designed to allow researchers and care providers to ask important child health and wellness clinical care questions to improve child health outcomes.
WCHRI and ACHRI are partnering on this new offering!
Deadline - June 15

Information

NEW EDI Research & Innovation Health and Medical Education Competition
Awards of $5,000 for research that advances our knowledge of EDI in health and medical education with the goal of improved outcomes.

Information

NSERC Discovery Grants
The Discovery Grants program supports ongoing research with long-term objectives in natural sciences and engineering.
Notice of Intent deadline - August 3

Information
Raising Canada Report
Last year, the O’Brien Institute for Public Health, ACHRI, and Children First Canada collaborated on the Raising Canada 2020 report. The 2021 report will focus on the impact of the pandemic on children’s physical and mental health, and in particular the impact of school/childcare closures. Writing the report is being led elsewhere this year, but O’Brien and ACHRI researchers are invited to contribute by sending research findings to Sydney Campbell sydney.campbell@mail.utoronto.ca, and Sarelle Obar Sheldon, sobarsheldon@childrenfirstcanada.com.

EVENTS AND SEMINARS
What does EDI mean to you?

Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) Workshop in the Summer Student Program
Thank you Dr. Deinera Exner-Cortens for sharing invaluable insights and resources with 97 summer students!
The summer program is hosted by ACHRI, HBI, Libin, Snyder and the Owerko Centre.
Visit Summer Student Workshop Series to join – next workshop is June 9.

Child Health and Wellness Seminars
Mondays 8:30 - 9:30 am
Monday, June 7
Dr. Chad Bousman, PhD
Pharmacogenetic-supported prescribing of psychiatric medications for kids
Register

Monday, June 14
Dr. John Cobb, PhD
A cat and mouse strategy: Understanding how deletions near the human SHOXgene cause limb defects
Register

Health Research Platform Strategy Lunch & Learn
AHS Connect Care and its support research team
Monday, May 31
Noon - 1 pm
Register

Maternal Child Health Research Update Seminar Series
Monday, May 31
Noon - 1 pm
Register

**OADR Grant Development Office**
Wednesday, June 2
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Dr. Sofia Ahmed, MD
EDI in Research: what you need to know
Register

**Summer Student Workshop Series 2021**
Wednesday, June 9
1 - 2:30 pm
*How to prepare a literature review*
Register

**Owerko Centre Conference**
Wednesday, June 9
9 am - 3:45 pm
*In the Beginning: How Early Experiences and Exposures Shape Lives*
Dr. Joanne Weinberg, PhD, University of British Columbia
Dr. Michael Kobor, PhD, University of British Columbia
View program and Register

**Child Health and Wellness Special Seminar**
Thursday, June 10
11 am - Noon
Dr. Rebecca Knickmeyer, PhD, Michigan State University
*The Infant Microbiome-Gut-Brain Axis*
Register

**28th Annual CSM Symposium**
Friday, June 11
11 am - 5 pm
Dr. Ami Bhatt, Dr. Deborah Sloboda, Dr. Rima Al-awar, Dr. Barbel Rohrer
Register

For all events visit the ACHRI calendar

UCalgary perspective on Alberta’s reopening plan - Message to campus community
Key resources: Updated Isolation Guidance | Procedure for sick students | Procedure for sick employees | Dashboard of cases on campus

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