Dr. Suzanne Tough recognized by United Nations on International Women's Day

Congratulations Dr. Suzanne Tough! Dr. Suzanne Tough will be recognized March 8 on International Women's Day as part of a UN coalition striving to "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change." UN Women Global Innovation Coalition For Change (GICC) is celebrating the work of 100 women globally. The event will focus on innovative ways in which the agency can advance gender equality particularly in the areas of social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure. Dr. Tough holds a Senior Policy Fellow with the Burns Memorial Fund and Max Bell Foundation. We extend our best wishes to Dr. Tough as she receives this recognition in New York. Interview

Dr. Jim Kellner warns of Alberta risk for measles outbreak

Dr. Jim Kellner is alerting Alberta to its low vaccination rate which he says is putting it at risk of a measles outbreak. In an interview with CBC Calgary, he suggests the province should consider making vaccines mandatory. Dr. Kellner is an infectious disease expert in Canada and former Head of the Department of Paediatrics. He is professor in the departments of Paediatrics, Microbiology, Immunology and Infectious Diseases and Community Health Sciences. Read

Dr. Melanie Noel shows that parental anxiety influences how children manage pain

Dr. Melanie Noel shows in study findings that young children who undergo surgery are greatly influenced by the anxiety level of their parents when it comes to memories of post-surgical pain. Noel notes that the study shouldn't be taken as a message of "parent blaming." Past research shows that childhood distorted pain memories can lead to future health problems. The research is published in the medical journal Pain. Dr. Noel is an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology and a member of the Behaviour and Developing Brain theme. Read

Dr. Jennifer Thompson’s research explores
risk factors behind maternal obesity

Dr. Thompson's project is one of four projects by ACHRI researchers funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) fall competition. Dr. Thompson believes the intrauterine environment is a significant driver of cardiovascular risk factors in the pediatric population. Studies have shown that babies born to mothers who were obese or diabetic during pregnancy are more prone to developing cardiovascular disease risk factors before adulthood. Dr. Thompson is an assistant professor in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at the Cumming School of Medicine. Read

THEME GRANT COMPETITION

The Healthy Outcomes Theme recently held two grant competitions. Thank you to all the members who participated.

Small Equipment Grant Competition - Awarded five research teams up to $5,000 to purchase small pieces of equipment to support their research projects and programs

- Elaine Gilfoyle: Improving outcomes from pediatric cardiac arrest and major trauma. Evaluation of impact of team performance and error
- Josephine Ho: Pediatric obesity (or Type 1 diabetes) and nocturnal dipping of blood pressure (POND-BP): a prospective cohort study
- Elaine Joughin: Non-operative treatment compared with internal fixation for displaced medial humeral epicondyle fractures: a multicenter prospective evaluation
- Suzanne Tough: All Our Families biorepository: sample storage freezer
- Kamran Yusuf: Can respiratory function measurements predict continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) failure in preterm infants

Collaborative Research Initiatives Grants - Awarded two research teams up to $25,000 to support collaborative, interdisciplinary and innovative research projects

- Lois Donovan: Promoting appropriate utilization of thyroid laboratory tests in pregnancy
- Elaine Gilfoyle: Improving outcomes from pediatric cardiac arrest and major trauma: evaluation of impact of team performance and error

ACHRI 10th ANNIVERSARY

Research spotlight: ACHRI Alumni

This week on our ACHRI 10th anniversary celebration series, we showcase the outstanding child health research of Dr. Maya Tarailo-Graovac, who is the co-lead of ‘Precision Diagnosis’, part of the Silent Genome Project. This project aims to bring life-changing genomic diagnoses to Indigenous children with genetic disease and create a database of background genetic variations for Canadian Indigenous populations. Dr. Tarailo-Graovac was a new recruit to the University of Calgary and ACHRI’s Genes, Development and Health Theme in 2017. You are welcome to share on social media. Read

TRAINEE UPDATE

Trainee workshops:
HBI REALISE Module: Writing Bias: March 19, 2019, 1 - 3 PM, HSC G801E.
The session will cover topics such as writing of grant/fellowship/scholarship applications as well as letters of support or recommendation.
Presented by Jenna Slobozian. Register for this workshop here.

Trainee Research Visit Award Competition:
Deadline: March 1 Apply

For more information visit ACHRi Trainee Weekly Bulletin

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Brain & Behavior Research Foundation
2019 NARSAD Young Investigator Grant
RSO Internal Deadline March 15, 2019

Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation
Solving Puzzles of the Mind New Investigator Award
RSO Internal Deadline April 26, 2019

For more information on these opportunities and others, visit our web site Child Health Research Funding

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS and LECTURES

Conferences and Workshops

Feb. 27
CSM Celebration of Excellence
Location: HRIC Atrium, Foothills Campus 3pm-4pm

NEW March 6
Southern Alberta Scientific Equipment Trade Show
Location HRIC Atrium, Foothills Campus 9am-2pm

March 15
Methods for Change: Knowledge Co-Creation Across Disciplines and Sectors
Register (free event sponsored by SSHRC)

April 23-26
Childhood Arthritis & Beyond Meeting
Lessons learned in childhood arthritis and the future of research
Location: Chateau Lake Louise

May 29
Child Health Research Symposium
Speaker: Dr. Janet Rossant, PhD, FRS, FRSC
Location: Theatre Four, HSC Foothills Campus

May 30
ACH Quality Forum
Deadline for abstracts March 15
contact ach.qualitycouncil@ahs.ca
Location: ACH 4th floor Amphitheatre 8am-2:30pm

June 5
Owerko Centre Conference
Speakers: Dr. Yona Lunksy, PhD and Dr. Russell Schachar, MD
Location: Theatre Four, HSC Foothills Campus

Lectures

Feb. 26 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm Child Health Research Rounds
Title: Driver and built environment characteristics associated with child pedestrian injuries
Speaker Dr. Liraz Fridman
Location: ACH Conference Room
Access the presentation via Adobe Connect here
March 4, 2019 | 8:30 am to 9:30 am  Developmental Neurosciences Grand Rounds
Title: A multi-modal approach to studying GABAergic abnormalities
Speaker: Dr. Nicolaas Puts
Location: ACH 4th floor Amphitheatre

March 6, 2019 | 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm  Owerko Neurodevelopmental Rounds
Title: Facing your fears: Effectiveness of a CBT program for children and youth with ASD and anxiety
Speaker: Dr. Carly McMorris, Dr. Alice Prichard and Dr. Jerilyn Ninowski
Location: Ability Hub, Sinneave Foundation, 3rd floor, Child Development Centre

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