Be part of The Child Health and Wellness Initiative
Join more than 350 UCalgary scientists and clinicians taking part in town halls to consider grand challenges in specific areas of child health and wellness. This will lead to interdisciplinary proposal requests for research-enabling solutions to these grand challenges. We believe that these cross-cutting partnerships will enable discovery, translation and impact for our patients and families. Read more and view the June 4 slideshow. Please Register

- June 10 12:00-1:30pm  Brain Development, Function and Mental Health, Hotel Alma, University of Calgary
- June 12 3:30pm-5:00pm  Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, Clara Christie Theatre, Foothills Campus
- June 18 3:30-5:00pm  Care Transformation for Child Health, Theatre One, Foothills Campus
- June 25 12:00-1:30pm  Big Data and Social Determinants of Child Health, Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary

ANNOUNCEMENT

New Department Head, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Dr. Sarah Childs, PhD is appointed the new Department Head of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology effective July 1, 2019. Dr. Childs is a professor at the University of Calgary and she has been a Canada Research Chair in Genetics and Angiogenesis. Her current research focuses on studying the genetics of blood vessel development and disease, such as stroke, arteriovenous (abnormally formed) or vascular (a birthmark or growth) malformations. Congratulations Dr. Childs! Read more.

NEWS

Partnership helps reduce injuries among ballet dancers
Dr. Sarah Kenny, PhD is leading research in injury reduction and prevention in partnership with the Alberta Ballet. The research will involve Dance Talks, a two-way exchange of ideas involving UCalgary researchers, community practitioners and performers. "As our partnership grows, we hope to continue reducing the prevalence of injury while increasing the number of dancers seeking care, cultivating best practices that put us at the forefront of dance science research," says Dr. Kenny, an assistant professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology. Read more.
Researcher provides sexual violence insight

Dr. Deinera Exner Cortens, PhD shows that healthy relationship skills need to be learned and developed from childhood. Dr. Exner-Cortens is evaluating WiseGuyz, a program administered by Calgary’s Centre for Sexuality to prevent violence among 14- to 15-year old boys. The research is funded through a grant from the Public Health Agency of Canada and if it successful, the results could become the standard approach to violence prevention across Canada. Dr. Exner-Cortens is an assistant professor in the Faculty of Social Work. Read more

Owerko Conference: From markers to mental health in neurodevelopment

Over 250 researchers, clinicians and trainees attended the Owerko Centre Conference on June 5 at Foothills Campus. This year featured two keynote speakers from the University of Toronto: Dr. Russell Schachar, MD, FRCP, The Hospital of Sick Children and Dr. Yona Lunsky, PhD, CPsych, The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

AWARD

Student wins UCalgary President's Award for Excellence in Student Leadership

Congratulations Tingting Yan! Yan, a Bachelor of Health Sciences student, is awarded the 2019 President's Award for Excellence in Student Leadership for her accomplishments in academia, leadership and the community. Yan was supervised by ACHRI's Dr. Karen Barlow with a focus in neuroscience research where she investigates stroke, paediatric concussion and autism. In her spare time, Yan volunteers with Alberta Health Services, and she will spend the summer in Mbarara working with Healthy Child Uganda. Read more

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer - Psychosocial Launch Grant

Early Career Investigator

Internal Deadline: June 13, 2019

Contact: Lisa Singh

Alberta Innovates: Strategic Networking & Development

Proposals accepted at any time and reviewed regularly

Contact: Lisa Singh

TRAINEES

FULL - Thursday, June 13 The Owerko-ACHRI summer student workshop Communicating Science. REGISTER for upcoming Bio-statistics Workshop

SAVE THE DATE - Friday August 23, ACHRI Summer Student Research Day - Registration opening soon for this opportunity to present your research projects.

For information on all the trainee opportunities, visit the ACHRI website weekly training post.

CONFERENCES and LECTURES: Calendar

Lectures

June 11 | 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Child Health Research Rounds

Dr. Ayman Abou Mehrem, MD, FABP

Title: Southern Alberta Virtual NICU Program: Improving Access to Care

Location: ACH Conference Room

NEW June 17 | 12:00pm to 1:00 pm Health Research Platform Strategy Lunch & Learn

Title: Don't get scammed in scholarly publishing. Avoiding predatory publishers and conferences

Location: Auditorium 4th floor ACH  Register
Video Conference Site Locations:
UCalgary Foothills Campus – Clara Christie Theatre
UCalgary Main Campus: CCIT 211 - Calgary Centre for Innovative Technology
South Health Campus: Site Administration Meeting Room 710007
Peter Lougheed Centre – Room 3047
Tom Baker Cancer Centre – Room CC105

June 17 | 8:30 am - 9:30 am Developmental Neurosciences Grand Rounds
Dr. Kathryn Manning, PhD and Dr. Yana Wang, PhD
Titles: Linking brain structure and function during typical and compromised development
AND The gut microbiota and behavioral problems in preschoolers
Location: Auditorium 4th floor ACH

Conferences
Nov. 6 ACHRI - Gairdner Symposium on Precision Medicine
Location: Libin Theatre, HSC Foothills Campus

Dec. 12 & 13 ACHRI All Member Retreat
Location: Banff Centre of the Arts
Registration opening soon

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