

Alberta Provincial CIHR Training Program in Bone and Joint Health



Dr. Shari Wynd, DC

The Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) recently announced that a multidisciplinary group of clinicians and scientists from Calgary and Edmonton were awarded a major training grant, called the Alberta Provincial CIHR Training Program in Bone and Joint Health. It was approved in the spring of 2002, and the program has been operational since July. The goal of the group is to establish a premier graduate education and research program in bone and joint health for clinician-scientists, by coordinating the strengths of the Faculties of Medicine, Kinesiology and Engineering at the University of Calgary, the Faculties of Rehabilitation Medicine, Medicine and Dentistry, and Engineering at the University of Alberta, as well as the Calgary and Capital (Edmonton) Health Regions.

The objectives of the proposed research program in bone and joint health are to (1) increase the number of

highly qualified clinician-scientists, (2) expand training for clinician-scientists across the range of relevant research disciplines and methodological approaches, (3) establish and build a UC-UA graduate transdisciplinary training program, (4) develop an integrated training curriculum to benefit programs across Canada, (5) expose Canadian and international trainees to unique inter-university experiences and strengths, and (6) cultivate professional and personal skills to working in research teams and leadership development. There will be traineeships awarded to selected PhD graduate students and reviews will be made annually by the Alberta Provincial CIHR Training Program in Bone and Joint Health Admissions Committee, which is comprised of academia from both universities.

The driving force behind this new training program is its Director, Dr. Ron Zernicke from the University of Calgary and Co-Director, Dr. Michele Crites Battié from the University of Alberta.

A Website providing more information on the Alberta Provincial CIHR Training Program in Bone and Joint Health is currently under construction and will soon be available. For more information on the Training Program, please contact Dot Brown, Graduate Training Program Coordinator at (403) 210-9702 or email dbro@ucalgary.ca.

One of the first recipients to participate in the Bone and Joint Health Training Program is Dr. Shari Wynd DC.

Dr. Wynd graduated from CMCC in 2002. Prior to attending CMCC, she completed a Masters in Engineering at the University of Toronto. She has two undergraduate degrees: one from York University in Kinesiology, and one from University of Toronto in Engineering. Dr. Wynd is currently enrolled as a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Kinesiology at the University of Calgary under the supervision of Dr. G. Kawchuk. Her dissertation involves the study of the effect of in vivo mechanical forces applied to the cervical spine on the vascular mechanics of the vertebral arteries. She also practices part-time as an associate at the Airdrie Associate Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Clinic, in Airdrie, Alberta.

Congratulations to Dr. Shari Wynd.