

Evidence-Based Chiropractic Care: Chiropractic Organizations Provide Support to The Cochrane Collaboration in Canada

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Introduction

The commitment of chiropractors to evidence-based health care is reflected in the recent support provided by the major chiropractic organizations in Canada to The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre (CCN/C). The mission of the CCN/C is to foster evidence-based healthcare decision making by identifying and supporting individuals in Canada who wish to become involved with The Cochrane Collaboration, and by promoting the awareness, appreciation, distribution, and use of Cochrane systematic reviews of healthcare interventions. In this way the CCN/C contributes to the vision of the international Cochrane Collaboration that “healthcare decision-making throughout

the world will be informed by high quality, timely research evidence” and that “The Cochrane Collaboration will play a pivotal role in the production and dissemination of this evidence across all areas of health care”.¹

Chiropractic Organizations Support the CCN/C

In the past four months, six of the major chiropractic organizations have made generous donations to the CCN/C. The Canadian Chiropractic Protective Association led the way with its contribution. The CCN/C is grateful to Dr. Paul Carey, President, and Dr. Greg Dunn, Chief Operating Officer, for their support of the work of the CCN/C. We also appreciate the financial assistance of

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the Canadian Chiropractic Association (Mr. H. James Duncan, Executive Director), the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation (Dr. Dave Peterson, President; Dr. Martin Gurvey, Chair Fund Allocation; and, Dr. Rob Allaby, Secretary-Treasurer), the Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board (Dr. Doug Lawson, Chief Executive Officer), the British Columbia College of Chiropractors (Dr. Don Nixdorf, Executive Director) and the College of Chiropractors of Ontario (Ms. Jo-Ann Willson, Registrar and General Counsel).

Benefits Derived from the CCNC

Recent articles in the Journal of the Canadian Chiropractic Association have described The Cochrane Collaboration and the CCN/C and the ways in which they contribute to evidenced-based chiropractic care.^{2,3} The purpose of these articles has been to promote evidence-based chiropractic care and raise the awareness of The Cochrane Collaboration among chiropractors. A future article will be about evaluating systematic reviews and using them in chiropractic clinical practice.

Increasingly, chiropractors are using *The Cochrane Library* and some are getting involved in the preparation and maintenance of Cochrane systematic reviews. Chiropractors across Canada are encouraged to contact their regional CCN/C Site Representative if they have questions, concerns or wish to participate in The Cochrane Collaboration.

CCN/C Network

The Canadian Cochrane Centre is one of 12 national Centres in The Cochrane Collaboration. It achieves its mission through a Network of 16 geographical Sites based at each of the academic health sciences centres (AHSC) across the country. There is a CCN/C Site Representative in each AHSC and some Sites have interdisciplinary Site Groups that engage in a variety of activities to promote regional awareness of The Cochrane Collaboration, access to *The Cochrane Library*, local recruitment of reviewers, and training workshops. Chiropractors are encouraged to contact their local Network Site Representative. Where there are Site Groups, your participation would be welcome. If

Table 1
CCN/C Network Sites and Representatives

Site	Representative	Phone Number
University of British Columbia	Ms. Arminée Kazanjian, BA, MA, PhD	604 822 4618
University of Calgary	Dr. Roger Thomas, MD, PhD, CCFP, MRCGP	403 210 9200
University of Alberta	Dr. Joanne Homik, MD	780 407 8070
University of Saskatchewan	Ms. Janet Bangma, MLIS, MA Ed	306 966 6022
	Ms. Dorothy Forbes, RN, PhD	306 966 8239
University of Manitoba	Dr. Michael Moffatt, MD, FRCPC	204 787 2441
University of Western Ontario	Dr. George Rice, BSc, MD	519 663 3712
McMaster University	TBA	TBA
University of Toronto	Dr. Rebecca Wong, MB ChB, MSc, FRCPC	416 946 2919
Queen's University	Dr. Tanveer Towheed, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FACR, DABIM	613 533 6896
	Mr. Phil Hahn, MSc	613 533 6523
University of Ottawa	Dr. Peter Tugwell, MD, MSc, FRCPC	613 562 5800
	Mr. George Wells, MSc, PhD	613 562 5800
McGill University	Dr. Roland Grad, MD, CM, MSc	514 340 8234
Université de Montréal	Dr. Jacques Lacroix, MD	514 345 4708
Université Laval	Dr. France Légaré, MD, MSc, CCMF, FCMF	418 525 4351
Université de Sherbrooke	Dr. Jean Pierre Tétrault, BA, MD, MSc, FRCPC	819 346 1110
Dalhousie University	Ms. Grace Paterson, MA, MSc, BSc	902 494 1764
	Dr. Alexandra Howlett, MD, FRCP(C)	902 428 2961
Memorial University	Ms. Sandra LeFort, RN, MN, PhD	709 777 6679
	Ms. Donna Moralejo, RN, PhD	709 777 6527

you are a Cochrane Library user, your feedback and suggested improvements would be appreciated. If you would like to become a Cochrane reviewer, you would be offered support and assistance with The Cochrane Handbook, the Cochrane Open Learning Materials, and Cochrane Reviewer Training Workshops.

CCA Among the CCN/C Affiliate Organizations

In order to promote The Cochrane Collaboration within various consumer and professional groups as well as geographically across Canada, the Network of the Canadian Cochrane Centre currently includes 19 consumer and health professional organizations. The Canadian Chiropractic Association (CCA) joined the Advisory Board of the CCN/C in 2000 and the CCA Affiliate Representative is Dr. Allan Gotlib, CCA Director, Research Programs and Editor of the Journal of the Canadian Chiropractic Association (JCCA).

Dr. Gotlib and the other Affiliate Representatives bring to the CCN/C the needs and interests of their members. These needs and interests are integrated in the strategic planning and directions of the CCN/C each year. In turn, the Affiliate Representatives are ambassadors for The

Cochrane Collaboration back to the members of their organization with a responsibility for fostering an awareness of The Cochrane Collaboration and promoting the dissemination and use of Cochrane systematic reviews to improve evidence-based health care.

The CCN/C also includes the other Cochrane entities based in Canada. Currently there are six Collaborative Review Groups (CRGs), the Child Health Field, and the Reporting Bias Methods Group. The CRGs include: the Back Review Group in Toronto (<http://www.cochrane.iwh.on.ca/>), the Effective Practice and Organization of Care Review Group in Ottawa (<http://www.epoc.uottawa.ca/>), the Hypertension Review Group in Vancouver (<http://www.epi.bris.ac.uk/cochrane/htn/htn.html>), the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Review Group in London (<http://cochrane.mcmaster.ca/IBD/IBD.htm>), the Neonatal Review Group in Hamilton (<http://cochrane.mcmaster.ca/neonatal>), and the Musculoskeletal Review Group in Ottawa (<http://www.cochranemsk.org/>).

Allan Gotlib Joins the CCN/C Executive Committee

The Canadian Cochrane Centre Representatives, the 16 Network Sites Representatives, the 19 Affiliate Organiza-

Table 2
CCN/C Affiliate Organizations and Representatives

Organization	Representative
l'Agence d'évaluation des technologies et des modes d'intervention en santé	Véronique Déry, MD, MSc
Arthritis Society	Dennis Jeanes, BA
Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists	Laurie Snider, PhD, OT(C)
Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists	J. B. Orange, PhD
Canadian Chiropractic Association	Allan Gotlib, DC
Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology Assessment	Jill Sanders, PhD
Canadian Dental Association	Euan Swan, BSc, DDS, DDPH
Canadian Health Libraries Associations	Ellen Crumley, BA, MLIS
Canadian Institute for Health Information	Serge Taillon, BSc, MHA
Canadian Medical Association	Todd Watkins, BSc, MD, CCFP
Canadian Nurses Association	Carole Estabrooks, RN, PhD
Canadian Pharmacists Association	Carol Repchinsky, BSP
Canadian Physiotherapy Association	Dorianne Sauvé, BSc, PT
Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care	John Feightner, MD, FRCPC
College of Family Physicians of Canada	Walter Rosser, MD, CCFP, FCFP, MRCPG
Consumers' Association of Canada	Jean Jones, CM, LLD, MSW
Dietitians of Canada	Jayne Thirsk, PhD, RD
Physical Medicine Research Foundation	Marc White, BA
The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada	TBA

tion Representatives, and the eight Cochrane Entity Representatives make up the Advisory Board of the CCN/C. There is an elected Executive Committee that makes strategic planning and policy decisions that guide the daily operations of the CCN/C. At the CCN/C Annual General Meeting in Ottawa on November 24, 2002, Dr. Gotlib was elected to the Executive Committee as the representative of the Affiliate Organizations.



Allan Gotlib, DC

Dr. Allan Gotlib is Director, Research Programs, Canadian Chiropractic Association and the Editor of the Journal of the Canadian Chiropractic Association (JCCA). Since 1988, he has been a Council Member of the College of Chiropractors of Ontario (CCO) and in 1998, after twenty years of teaching clinical, research and administrative duties, he became a Full Professor at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College.

Other members of the CCN/C Executive Committee include Jean Jones, Mike Moffatt, Serge Taillon and Peter Tugwell as well as the CCN/C Director, Arne Ohlsson and CCN/C Co-Director, Kathie Clark.

Ms. Jean Jones is the current Chair of the Health Council of the Consumers Association of Canada (CAC) and has had a longstanding interest in developing the consumer's role in healthcare policy. She is a member of the Strategic Steering Committee on Health Care Technology, Cana-



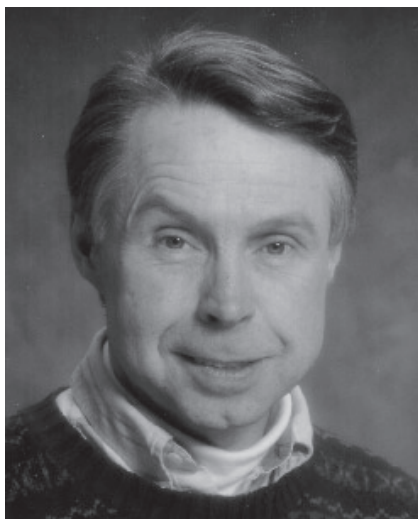
Jean Jones, CM, LLD (Hon), MSW

dian Standards Association, and she served a term as a member of the Science Advisory Board, Health Canada.

Ms. Jones is a consumer representative on the CCN/C Advisory Board and has served three terms on the CCN/C Executive Committee. Ms. Jones is retired from McMaster University after 20 years of teaching social policy and social work practice in the School of Social Work. During her tenure at McMaster, Ms. Jones served terms as Director of the School of Social Work, President of the Faculty Association, and member of the Board of Governors and of the Senate of the University. She has been an active volunteer in a number of community projects and agencies in Hamilton and was awarded the Order of Canada in 1996.

Dr. Mike Moffatt is the CCN/C Site Representative for the University of Manitoba and he represents the 16 Network Site Representatives on the CCN/C Executive Committee. Dr. Moffatt also chairs the CCN/C Dissemination and Impact Strategic Planning Team.

Since 1998, he has been the Medical Director, Child Health Program, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. He is also Head, Clinical Department of Community Health Sciences, Health Science Centre in Winnipeg. At the University of Manitoba he is Professor and Head of the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health. His clinical responsibilities include Ambulatory Medical Clinics and the Eneuresis/encopresis Clinic at the Children's Hospital.



Mike Moffatt, MD, FRCPC

He is the Visiting Pediatrician with the J. A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit at Norway House, Manitoba, and Coral Harbour and Repulse Bay, Nunavut. In 2002, Dr. Moffatt was awarded the Queen Elizabeth Golden Jubilee Medal for Community Service.



Serge Taillon, BSc, MHA

Serge Taillon is the Director of Client Relations and Communications and a member of the Senior Management Team at the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI). Prior to joining CIHI in June 1995, Mr. Taillon

worked as a healthcare provider and subsequently assumed a number of progressively senior positions both in the institutional and federal government sectors. He has served as a consultant, part-time professor, and is currently Board chair or member with a number of non-government organizations. Mr. Taillon has been involved with the CCN/C since its inception. Currently he is the Affiliate Representative for CIHI and in 2001, he was elected the first Chair of the CCN/C Advisory Board and member of the Executive Committee.



Peter Tugwell, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FRCP (UK)

Dr. Peter Tugwell is Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at the University of Ottawa and a practicing rheumatologist at the Ottawa Hospital, Ottawa, Canada. He recently took the post of Director for the Centre for Global Health under the Institute of Population Health, University of Ottawa and has been awarded a Canada Research Chair in Health Equity. Dr. Tugwell is Coordinating Editor of the Cochrane Musculoskeletal Review Group and is the representative for all Coordinating Editors on The Cochrane Collaboration Steering Group. Dr. Tugwell is a member of the CCN/C Advisory Board and was re-elected in 2002 to represent the eight Canadian-based Cochrane entities on the Executive Committee.

Upcoming Events

Cochrane Colloquia

Cochrane Colloquia are the Cochrane Collaboration's annual conferences where Cochrane supporters and contributors meet to help promote and develop the work of the Collaboration, and to help shape the future directions for the Collaboration. The 11th Cochrane Colloquium will be held **October 26 to 31, 2003** in Barcelona, Spain. Please check www.colloquium.info for the latest news and information. Next year, The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre will host the 12th Cochrane Colloquium from **October 2 to 6, 2004** in Ottawa. Up-to-date information will be posted on the Web at <http://cochrane.mcmaster.ca/colloquium/>.

CCN/C Symposia

CCN/C Symposia are the bi-annual conferences of the CCN/C where Cochrane contributors and others interested in evidence-based decision making meet to share ideas and experiences and to learn how to prepare, disseminate and use Cochrane reviews of healthcare interventions. The 3rd Canadian Cochrane Symposium on "*Advancing the Knowledge Translation of Systematic Reviews*" will be held on **November 21 and 22, 2003** at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel in Hamilton, Ontario. For further information, please visit <http://cochrane.mcmaster.ca/symposium/>.

CCN/C Workshops

Twice a year, The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre offers Reviewer Training Workshops for people committed to preparing and maintaining Cochrane systematic reviews. The next Reviewer Training Workshop will be

held **November 19-20, 2003** in Hamilton, Ontario. If you would like more information about any of our upcoming workshops, please visit <http://cochrane.mcmaster.ca/workshops>.

Conclusions

Chiropractor clinicians, educators, researchers, administrators and policy makers are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all of these events and to become actively involved in The Cochrane Collaboration. You have supported us and we want to support you.

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