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Interventional Cardiology Diploma Program Goes “Live”

The diploma program in interventional cardiology was formally approved by the Royal College in November 2011 and was given “live” status in June 2012. Implementation of the program is currently underway. Interventional cardiology fellows who started their training this summer will make up the first cohort of graduates eligible to become Diplomats of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (DRCPC) in interventional cardiology.

The program will be 1-2 years in duration and will be competency-based rather than time-based. Candidates will be assessed using a summative portfolio, which includes a verified log book and in-training evaluation reports (ITERS). Candidates can start filling their portfolios retroactive to July 1st, 2012. Sample log-books and ITERS will be made available on-line in the near future.

The diploma program provides a mechanism for the Royal College to recognize interventional cardiology as an area of specialty medicine that meets a societal need but does not meet the requirements of a full Royal College specialty. The program will ensure consistent, high quality education across the country, it may help institutions secure funding for post-graduate training in interventional cardiology, and it will facilitate cross-border recognition of training.

Watch Don Palisaitis' presentation on the new diploma program at the recent meeting in Montreal: <http://youtu.be/wRHOsujnNHM/>

CAIC: Strong Showing at Montreal Live

The CAIC hosted a successful satellite symposium at the recent Montreal Interventional Cardiology Symposium. In a departure from previous years, the symposium was focused on the economics and delivery of cardiovascular care in Canada. There were several interesting debates on the approval and reimbursement of new drugs and devices. <http://www.mhi.interv.org/satellite.php?lng=en>

UPCOMING EVENTS

European Society of Cardiology (ESC)

Aug 25-29, 2012

Munich, Germany

www.escardio.org/congresses/esc-2012/

AIM-RADIAL

Sep 13-15, 2012

Québec City, QC

<http://www.aimradial.org/>

Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics (TCT-2012)

Oct 22-26, 2012

Miami Beach, FL

<http://www.tctconference.com/>

CAIC PCI Fellows' Workshop & Summit

Oct 25-27, 2012

Toronto, ON

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Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC)

Oct 27-31, 2012

Toronto, ON

<http://www.cardiocongress.org/>

CAIC-ACCI Annual Meeting

Oct 27, 2012 – 4:00 pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

E-mail: info@caic-acci.org

American Heart Association Scientific Sessions (AHA)

Nov 3-7, 2012

Los Angeles, California

<http://my.americanheart.org/>

Dr. Michael Love gave the annual CAIC presidential address at the meeting: <http://youtu.be/e5ALMw4-hR4>

The CAIC traditionally sponsors Canadian interventional fellows to attend the Montreal meeting and this year was no exception, with 21 fellows attending. Each fellow submitted an interesting case and three finalists were chosen to present their cases at the main meeting. This year's finalists were Doron Sudarsky (London), Naheed Ali (McMaster) and Xavier Freixa (Montreal Heart Institute).



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Naheed Ali (center) receiving her case presentation award from judges (L-R) Peter Seidelin, Réda Ibrahim, Anthony Della Siega and Stéphane Rinfret.



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Merril Knudtson (Libin Cardiovascular Institute, Calgary) received a Canadian Career Recognition Award from Symposium Director Jean-François Tanguay.

Canadian PCI Trials

ATLANTIC

Drs. Warren Cantor & Shaun Goodman
Pre-hospital vs. cath lab administration of ticagrelor for primary PCI

[Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01347580](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01347580)

EASY B2B

Dr. Olivier Bertrand
Bivalirudin vs. UFH for radial PCI in patients at higher risk of bleeding

[Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01084993](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01084993)

SAFARI

Dr. Michel Le May
Femoral vs. radial access for primary PCI

[Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01398254](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01398254)

TOTAL

Drs. Sanjit Jolly & Vlad Džavík
Thrombectomy vs. PCI alone for primary PCI

[Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01149044](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01149044)

VELETI-2

Dr. Josep Rodes-Cabau
PCI vs. medical therapy for moderate stenoses in vein grafts

[Clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01223443](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01223443)

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A new addition to this year's meeting was a PCI fellows' poster competition. A total of 19 abstracts were submitted and 16 were selected for presentation. This year's winner was Brian Courtney (Sunnybrook). Second place was shared by Mark Kotowycz (UHN/Toronto General) and Shantu Bundhoo (Royal Alex, Edmonton).

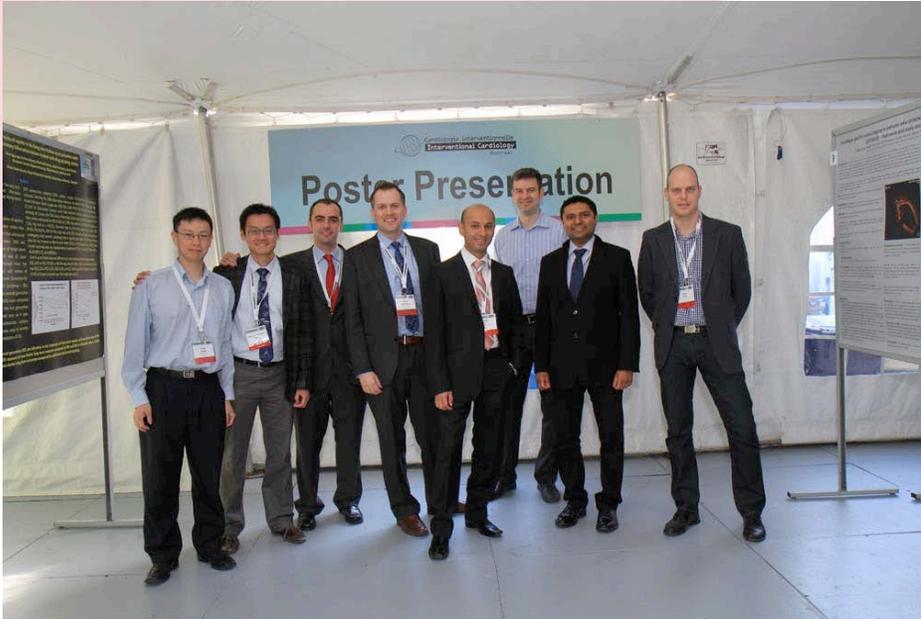


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Fellows who presented posters at Montreal Live (L-R): Victor Hsieh (McMaster), Jason Chan (Montreal Heart), Xavier Freixa (Montreal Heart), Mark Kotowycz (Toronto General), Jehangir Din (Victoria), Brian Courtney (Sunnybrook), Shantu Bundhoo (Edmonton), Rafael Wolff (Sunnybrook). Not shown: Leonard Ngunga (Edmonton), Viswanathan Venkatachalam (Halifax)

Merril Knudtson Earns Order of Canada

On June 29, Dr. Merrill Knudtson (Calgary) was named a Member of the Order of Canada, the country's highest civilian honour. Dr. Knudtson is recognized as one of the founders of interventional cardiology in Canada and has been performing angioplasty since 1981. He also created the APPROACH database, which is now used across the country. More details here: <http://medicine.ucalgary.ca/orderofcanada>

CCRN ACS Summit

The Canadian Cardiovascular Research Network's first annual ACS Summit was held in February this year. Co-chaired by Milan Gupta and Subodh Verma, the event was designed as a day of learning and peer dialogue. The accredited summit welcomed outstanding faculty of Canadian and American leaders in the field, many of whom have championed the clinical trials that now inform the way we practice.

The day's programme included discussion relating to the assessment and management of acute coronary syndromes (ACS) and how their evolution; advances in diagnostic and prognostic biomarkers, in early

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and long-term pharmacologic therapies, and in the role of early angiography and revascularization. Also covered were procedural and technologic advances in stenting.



Faculty at the CCRN ACS Summit: *Standing: Jean-François Tanguay, Marc Sabatine, Michael Love, Michelle Tsigoulis, Rob Welsh, Peter Liu, Sunil Rao, Warren Cantor, Chris Buller, Sanjit Jolly; Seated: Paul Armstrong, Eugene Braunwald, Pierre Th  roux, Milan Gupta, Subodh Verma; Not shown: Eric Cohen, Erick Schampaert, David Borts*

Upcoming CAIC Symposium

The CAIC will be holding a satellite symposium titled **Controversies in STEMI Management 2012** on Friday Oct 26th (12:30-5:00pm), just prior to the start of the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in Toronto. Organized by Drs. Warren Cantor, Albert Chan, Blair O'Neill and Erick Schampaert, the symposium will feature talks from many Canadian leaders in STEMI management. There will be debates on the management of multi-vessel CAD in STEMI patients, the role of thrombectomy in STEMI, and the role of point-of-care genetic testing devices, to name just a few. The meeting is CCS accredited and registration is free. For more information or to register, please e-mail amaral_lucy@network.lilly.com. The complete schedule can be found here: <http://kinezo.com/images/files/Invite.pdf>.

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