

Sent out on behalf of Dr. Sita Bhella and Dr. Michelle Zeller

"**The Hematology Trainee Education or Quality Improvement Award**" was initially developed by in 2011 in order to support education-based research by Canadian hematology trainees. In fact – we were the inaugural award recipients and are now administering the award!

In 2013, the eligibility for the award was expanded to include research projects on Quality Improvement as well. We are pleased to announce that we will be offering 2 research awards once again this year.

Canadian trainees interested in hematology are eligible to submit an application for this award. This year we will be accepting applications from Canadian medical students, internal medicine residents (PGY1-PGY5), hematology residents (PGY4-5) and hematology fellows (PGY6+). A panel of hematology program directors reviews the applications, and the two trainees with the highest rated projects will each receive a \$2000 award, which is intended to be used for the support of their individual research projects. Funding for this award is provided, in part, by the Canadian Hematology Society.

The recipients of the awards are expected to give a brief presentation of their work at the following summer's Jerry Scott Educational Half Day, which is held during our annual Hematology Residents Retreat. The presentations given by the winners from the past few years have been very well received by the audience.

Past award winners and project descriptions include:

Year	Recipients	Description of Project
2011	Michelle Zeller (Western) (Education)	Back to Anatomy: Improving Landmarking Accuracy of Clinical Procedures Using a Novel Approach to Procedural Teaching. Pubmed Link: <i>Southern Medical Journal</i> South Med J. 2015 Jun;108(6):310-317 http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26079453 MedEd Portal Link: https://www.mededportal.org/publication/10091
	Sita Bhella (U of T) (Education)	Pilot Online Educational Module Evaluating General Internal Medicine Trainees' Knowledge and Comfort in Managing Sickle Cell Disease Module: http://app.fluidsurveys.com/s/SCDforGIM/ (Click next several times through pre-test questions to see the module) Recruitment ongoing, 20 students recruited to date, 25% completed module to date Presented at the Canadian Conference on Medical Education 2016
2012	Jovana Yudin (McMaster) (Education)	Review of Resident Remediation Processes and Practices at McMaster University from the Perspective of a Postgraduate Educational Advisory Board Currently being completed as part of a MSc thesis in Health Science Education.

	Dave Sanford (Western) (Education)	Incorporating a Test-Enhanced Learning Component to Clinical Rotations Introduced testing for GIM residents rotating through hematology at Western University. Results suggest project testing during a rotation has value as a needs assessment for residents and provides a more accurate evaluation of medical knowledge compared with evaluator assessment. Presented at 2014 Ottawa Conference.
2013	Lee Mozessohn (U of T) (Quality)	Hepatitis B Reactivation in HBsAg-negative/HBcAb-positive patients receiving rituximab for lymphoma: A Meta-analysis Pubmed Link: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25765930
	Michael Jain (U of T) (Quality)	The ASH Practice Improvement Module in Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma: Assessing the Feasibility, Reliability and Usefulness of a New Quality Improvement Tool ASH Abstract Link: https://ash.confex.com/ash/2014/webprogram/Paper71479.html
2014	Andrew Shih (McMaster) (Quality)	Assessment of the Measurement Error in Cyclosporine Levels Drawn Between Peripheral and Central Sources Designed to answer the question whether or not the phenomenon of cyclosporine adsorbing onto central lines, which can falsely elevate the levels, affects the prophylaxis of GVHD in adult allogeneic bone marrow transplant patients. Levels from a central line and a peripheral draw will be drawn weekly to compare if they are significantly different and whether or not this information changes management Currently recruiting patients
	Chai Phua (U of T) (Quality)	Pilot Study of a short-stay healthcare model for treatment of uncomplicated vaso-occlusive crisis in sickle cell disease: A Quality Improvement Project Developed an innovative model of care that incorporates a short-stay acute ambulatory care unit (AACU) for the management of adult SCD patients with uncomplicated VOC. Pilot is ongoing Presentation Link: https://www.powtoon.com/show/e4pxSeYswbS/wch-aacu-scd/
2015	Eric Tseng (U of T) (Education/QI)	Resource Stewardship Counseling by Hematology Residents during Patient Requests for Non-Beneficial Tests: A Qualitative Description Hematology Education & QI Study

This year's applications are due by **November 15, 2016**

Information about this award and about the annual Hematology Residents Retreat can be found on the Canadian Hematology Training website: <http://www.canadianhematologytraining.ca>.

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