



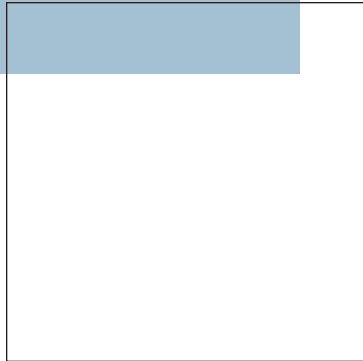
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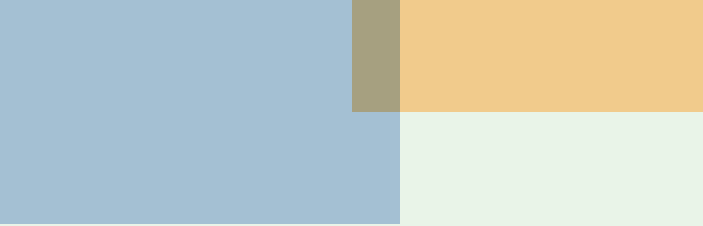


Leadership.

Knowledge.

Community.





The Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) is the national voice for cardiovascular physicians and scientists. The CCS represents more than 1,400 professionals in the cardiovascular field.

Our mission is to promote cardiovascular health and care through:

- Knowledge translation, including dissemination of research and encouragement of best practices; and
- Professional development and leadership in health policy.

In 1947, the CCS, known then as the Canadian Heart Association, held its inaugural meeting with 68 attendees. And as our founders intended, the CCS became a focal point in the Canadian cardiovascular community. We are proud today to include among our members academic and community cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, pediatric cardiologists, trainees in those fields, researchers and other health care professionals working in cardiac sciences in all corners of the country.

Our priority as a Society is to meet the needs of our members. When we launched an extensive Member Needs Initiative in 2004, more than 44% of our members responded and told us what they wanted from their professional association. We listened.



Results from the Initiative identified the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress as the CCS' strongest offering, followed by consensus conferences and information on evidence-based practice. Members told us that they value our work in advocacy and continuing professional development. Also, members recognize the importance of working closely with trainees who represent the future of cardiovascular care in Canada. And while they value these programs, our members also identify important ways we can continue to build on these successes.

CCS members have shaped our priorities and this is a year of new directions for us. Much has been accomplished—an improved Congress, development of access to cardiac care benchmarks and programs for cardiovascular trainees. Over the coming months, the CCS will be launching our new Website and producing Heart Failure Guidelines using a new approach. These are valued initiatives that make membership worthwhile.

Dr. Denis Roy
President, Canadian Cardiovascular Society

Canadian Cardiovascular Congress

The CCS is proud to lead the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress—Canada's premier cardiovascular event which attracts 4,000 specialists in prevention, research, patient care and public health. Each year, CCS members from across Canada contribute generously of their time and energy to make Congress a valuable scientific event. In addition, the CCS collaborates with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, more than one dozen affiliate health organizations and industry partners to deliver strong Congress programming year after year.

To increase membership value, we've introduced a number of new features at this year's Congress including a CCS Core Curriculum developed for community cardiologists, trainees and others seeking comprehensive updates. In addition, we've added Learning Tracks by area of specialty which will be available through plenary sessions, workshops, meet-the experts sessions and oral and poster sessions. Finally, better scheduling and reduced content overlap of satellite symposia will improve program choices for Congress delegates.

I believe the CCS is the most important association in Canada to promote cardiovascular science and improve clinical care. In my opinion, the CCC is a unique venue in Canada that combines a scientific and a social dimension for all those interested in cardiovascular health and disease!

Dr. Jean-Francois Tanguay
Director, Interventional Cardiology
Montreal Heart Institute



The Congress provides a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding contributions by exceptional cardiovascular health professionals. At the Joint Canadian Cardiovascular Society and Heart and Stroke Foundation Awards Ceremony, the CCS recognizes a number of individuals for their achievements in cardiovascular science and medicine.

Award	2005 CCS Award Recipients	2004 CCS Award Recipients
Annual Achievement Award	Dr. Jean Rouleau	Dr. Peter McLaughlin
Distinguished Teacher Award	Dr. Jean-Claude Fouron	Dr. Robert Chisholm
Dr. Harold N. Segall Award of Merit	Dr. Elinor Wilson	Dr. Anthony Graham
Research Achievement Award	Dr. Bruce McManus	Dr. Stephen Archer
Young Investigator Award	Dr. Nimesh D. Desai	Dr. Michael Kutryk
Young Investigator Award Runner-Up	N/A	Dr. Nantha Nanthakumar
Dr. Robert E. Beamish Award	Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES)	Dr. James A White
Trainee Excellence in Education Award	Dr. Phillip Jong	Dr. Paul Novak

To submit your nominations for next year's awards, visit the CCS Website at www.ccs.ca. For more information on Congress visit: www.cardiocongress.org.



Consensus Conferences

Since 1990, we have developed or updated a total of 17 consensus conferences or evidence-based recommendations to guide practitioners. In 2005, the consensus conference “Report on Peripheral Arterial Disease,” co-chaired by Drs. Beth Abramson and Victor Huckell will be available to members and the community at large. Consensus conferences are available in print and electronic formats. Consensus documents and supporting material can be found at www.ccs.ca.

CCS is now using a new model to develop consensus conferences that incorporates knowledge translation strategies and evaluation. This new model provides many opportunities for end-users, including health care professionals and patients, to provide feedback on an on-going basis. Heart Failure Guidelines are the first topic being developed using this model and will be available in early 2006.

Position Statements and Commentaries

CCS position statements are short, timely documents, developed by a small group of experts within a six-month period, that address topics of emerging clinical interest.

Commentaries are written by a group of cardiovascular physicians with peer-recognized expertise on the topic. The Society introduced commentaries this year to focus attention on ways to improve the delivery of cardiovascular care. The CCS Working Group on Access to Care has produced three commentaries to date:

- Universal Access: But When? Treating the Right Patient at the Right Time
- Implantable cardiac defibrillators (ICD) in Canada – Waiting Times and Access to Care Issues
- Access to Care in Non-ST Segment Elevation Acute Coronary Syndromes



These documents have already served to stimulate discussion outside of the cardiovascular community, with the ICD commentary attracting significant media coverage when it was published this year in the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology*. Commentaries can be found on the Society's Website.

Additional commentaries will be available over the coming year.

Health Policy

Policy advocacy figures prominently in our day-to-day activities. Our members provide tremendous leadership and countless volunteer hours to help shape Canadian cardiovascular health policy in two main areas: wait times for care and workforce.

The Access to Care Working Group, chaired by Dr. Blair O'Neill, made an important contribution to our advocacy efforts this year by participating in the Wait Time Alliance, along with five other national medical specialty societies. Through the Alliance, CCS members met with the Prime Minister and federal and provincial ministers of health to discuss development of benchmarks for cardiac care.

The final report, *It's About Time! Achieving Benchmarks and Best Practices in Wait Time Management*, was published in August 2005 and is available through the CCS Website.

The CCS Health Human Resources Working Group has successfully brought forward issues of Canada's cardiovascular workforce in a report entitled *Profile of the Cardiovascular Specialist Physician Workforce in Canada*. Using data from the CCS workforce survey 2001, updates from the 2004 National Physician Survey and other resources, we have a clear description of the trends and issues impacting the demand for cardiovascular specialists now and in the coming years. The issue of cardiovascular human resources will continue to drive many of our advocacy activities in the coming years.

As a longstanding member of the CCS, I am particularly pleased to see the CCS taking a much more prominent role in advocacy for national access standards for our patients.

Dr. Blair O'Neill
Chair of the CCS Access to Care Working Group
Chief of Cardiology
Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre, Halifax

Professional Development

The CCS is an accredited provider of continuing professional development (CPD) for the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Between April 2004 and October 2005, CCS approved more than 70 CPD programs, including The New Brunswick Cardiovascular Symposium, The Heart Failure Summit in Toronto and the Eastern Arrhythmia Symposium, among many others.

Trainees

Trainees represent the future of cardiovascular care in Canada and, as such, are an essential part of the Society's membership. Our Trainee Committee is dedicated to providing young professionals with valuable programs and services as they finish their studies and establish careers. The Congress offers the Trainee Day and Trainee



Luncheon, both popular events. In this supportive environment, participants learn about trainee-specific issues and network with fellow colleagues, program directors and experts in the field of cardiovascular medicine.


This year, our Trainee Committee, chaired by Dr. Philip Jong, developed a proposal for a Transitional Services Program with the support of the Canadian Cardiovascular Academy (CCA). The proposal describes a suite of services to assist trainees and recent graduates make the transition from school to work.

Recommendations within this report include:

- a specialized database to connect trainees and recent graduates with employment opportunities, fellowship positions and funding sources;
- preparation program for the Royal College of Physician and Surgeons of Canada qualifying exams; and
- a financial services plan for trainees.

Canadian Cardiovascular Academy

The Canadian Cardiovascular Academy is a charitable organization that complements the Society's activities. All CCS members are Academy members. The Academy supports Trainee Day at Congress, the Have a Heart Bursary Program and other education programs. The Academy's goal is to promote a strong future for Canada's cardiovascular community through programs developed to meet the specific needs of Trainees.



Being a member of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society has been invaluable to me as a resident. Not only does it provide me with access to excellent educational resources, but it has given me the opportunity to interact with the leaders in cardiovascular care within Canada.

Dr. Carolyn Teng
CCS Trainee and Committee Volunteer
McGill University, Montreal

Customer Service to Members

The Society has a core staff of 9 people in Ottawa ready to assist our members. We have a much larger network of member volunteers at research facilities and hospitals across the country. They devote countless hours to our Council, committees and working groups, and provide valued leadership on behalf of all members. The CCS is grateful for their contribution.

To help link our membership and improve our ability to deliver prompt customer service, the Society has invested significantly in information technology this year including:

- computer network infrastructure;
- a user-friendly CCS Website; and
- a membership database

These developments will enable the Society to consider a breadth of new services, including an ability to share clinical cases and featured research, cyber sessions for professional development, and collaborative workspaces for committees.



Financial Highlights

April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

Revenue	\$ 3,039,522
Expenses	\$ 2,826,071
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	\$ 213,451

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	\$ 2,551,369
Liabilities	\$ 1,767,662
Surplus (Deficit) at Year-End	\$ 783,707
TOTAL	\$ 2,551,369

Complete financial statements and the auditor's report for fiscal year April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005 are available to any member on request from the CCS.

Governance

2004-05 Executive Committee and Council

Denis Roy	President
Lyll Higginson	Vice-President
David Johnstone	Past-President
George Honos	Treasurer
Roy Masters	Secretary
Heather Ross	Member-at-Large
Philip Jong	Member-in-Training
Milan Gupta	Council Member
Catherine Kells	Council Member
Lorrie Kirshenbaum	Council Member
Jacques Leblanc	Council Member
John McCans	Council Member
Brian McCrindle	Council Member
Bruce Reeder	Council Member
James Stone	Council Member
Mario Talajic	Council Member
Guy Tremblay	Council Member

Ex-officio members

Anne Ferguson	Executive Director
Jacques Genest Jr.	Chair, Scientific Program Committee
Peter Guerra	Chair, Local Arrangements Committee
Charles Kerr	CCS Annual Meeting Chair
Eldon Smith	Editor-in-Chief, Canadian Journal of Cardiology



2004-05 CCS Committees & Working Groups

Access to Care Working Group

Congress Advisory Committee

Consensus Conference Committee

Continuing Professional Development Committee

Ethics Committee

Health Human Resources Working Group

Joint Organizing Committee

Local Arrangements Committee

Membership Committee

Nominating Committee

Scientific Program Committee

Trainee Committee

Trainee Day Planning Committee

Trainee Luncheon Planning Committee

Chair

Blair O'Neill

Charles Kerr

Heather Ross

Guy Tremblay

Bruce Reeder

Lyall Higginson

Charles Kerr

Peter Guerra

Roy Masters

David Johnstone

Jacques Genest Jr

Philip Jong

Ismail El-Hamamsy

and Kapil Sharma

Ansar Hassan

Affiliates

Canadian Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation

Canadian Association of Cardiopulmonary Technologists

Canadian Association of Interventional Cardiologists

Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses

Canadian Heart Rhythm Society

Canadian Hypertension Society

Canadian Nuclear Cardiology Society

Canadian Pediatric Cardiology Association

Canadian Society of Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology

Canadian Society of Cardiac Surgeons

Canadian Society of Cardiology Technologists

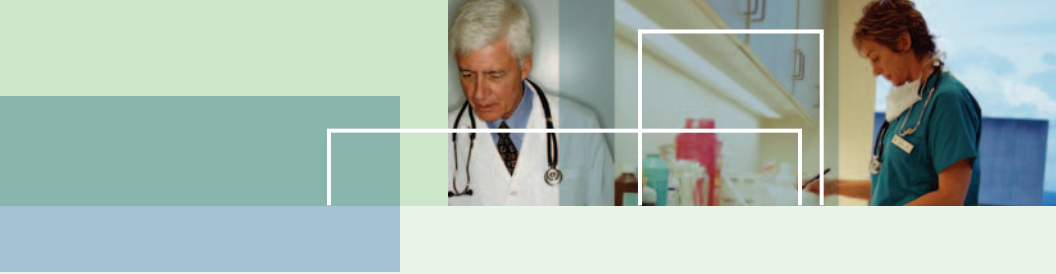
Canadian Society of Clinical Perfusion

Canadian Society of Echocardiography

The Benefits of Membership:

As a CCS member you are entitled to:

- belong to a national professional society that is uniquely Canadian;
- attend the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, including the CCS Annual Scientific Meeting, with special rates for members;
- receive the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology*, with an annual subscription of 14 issues and exclusive access to the journal online;
- receive the bi-weekly newsletter *CCS Online*, with information on upcoming events, employment opportunities and other news;
- access CCS consensus conferences, position statements and commentaries;
- access accredited continuing professional development;
- be part of an organization that represents your interests with governments and other national health organizations;
- contribute to CCS working groups that focus on issues of national interest, such as access to care and the cardiovascular workforce;
- make a difference to the cardiovascular health of Canadians by participating in the development of Canadian standards, education and public policy through the CCS;
- enjoy networking opportunities with colleagues at special events, by joining CCS committees, and through members-only access to the CCS database and discussion groups;



- encourage young professionals in your field through CCS activities such as mentorship and trainee days; and
- as a trainee, benefit from a range of CCS services to help with the transition from your final years of study to the launch of your career.

CCS Staff

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