The Canadian Cardiovascular Society announces recipients of the Early Career Atrial Fibrillation and Arrhythmia Award

(October 21, 2019) - The Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) is pleased to recognize seven outstanding Canadian researchers whose five projects have been selected to receive funding as part of the Early Career Atrial and Arrhythmia (ECA3) Research Award. This award, a collaboration between the CCS, the Canadian Arrhythmia Network of Canada (CANet) and the Bristol-Myers Squibb/Pfizer Alliance, supports clinical, health services and population health research in the field of atrial fibrillation, syncope and prevention of sudden cardiac death.

Submissions were evaluated by a panel of cardiovascular research experts. Recipients were informed that they would share in the $600,000 prize in the summer of 2019. Cheques will be presented at CCS’s upcoming Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, which is being held in Montreal from October 24 to 27. The research projects range in length from two to three years.

Recipients

- Dr. Jodi Edwards and Dr. Thais Coutinho, University of Ottawa Heart Institute “Do hypertensive disorders of pregnancy increase the risk of incident atrial fibrillation?” (proposed title).

- Dr. Nathaniel M. Hawkins and Dr. Christopher B. Fordyce, University of British Columbia “Opportunities to prevent sudden cardiac death: The BC Cardiac Arrest registry” (proposed title).

- Krystina B. Lewis, RN, MN, PhD, University of Ottawa School of Nursing “Identifying effective strategies to engage patients in making decisions along the ICD care pathway: A multi-province comparative case study” (proposed title).

- Dr. Emilie Belley-Côté, Hamilton General Hospital “Direct oral anticoagulation versus warfarin after cardiac surgery (DANCE) pilot trial” (proposed title)

- Dr. Mouhannad M. Sadek, University of Ottawa Heart Institute “Non-invasive evaluation of pulmonary vein isolation” (proposed title)
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