

Newsletter

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Patient Engagement Update

The Patient Recruitment and Training Procedures Workshop on November 3, 2015 was both engaging and informative. Alexandre Berkesse, Senior advisor - Directorate collaboration and patient partnership Faculty of Medicine of University of Montreal came to the workshop and spoke on his vast knowledge of patient engagement in research. Discussion points during the day included:

- Why Patient Engagement in C-SPIN
- Understanding Patient Engagement in Research
- Implementing Patient Engagement in Research
- How to include and retain patients in the research network dynamic - Governance and Operational Dynamic



To learn more about Patient Engagement in Research view Dr. Carroll's Webinar [Link to C-SPIN Webinar Page](#)



Fellowships

December 15, 2015 is the application deadline for both the C-SPIN-Bayer Junior Faculty Fellowship and the C-SPIN Fellowship.

C-SPIN/Bayer Junior Faculty Fellowship—Will provide recognition and salary support to outstanding Canadian atrial fibrillation or stroke researchers (including physicians, nurses, and non-clinical trainees) early in their careers, and provide a reliable supply of future Canadian leaders in this field. To achieve this objective the Fellowship will provide bridge funding for a final academic training year and/or support for faculty members within the first 5 years of an appointment to a Canadian university. The **C-SPIN-BAYER** Fellows will be exceptional candidates who will become leaders in academic medicine in Canada. Link to [2016-TOR C-SPIN/Bayer Fellowship...2016 APPLICATION-CSPIN Bayer Fellowship](#)

C-SPIN Fellowship—The C-SPIN fellowship will be awarded to individuals who have completed or are near completing a post graduate degree. There will be a clear commitment to provide a minimum of 50% protected time for research endeavours. The fellowship will provide \$60,000.00 annually for 2 years. Links to 2016 Fellowship [-TOR FOR C-SPIN Fellowship...APPLICATION C-SPIN Fellowship](#)

Director's Update



Dear colleagues:

As C-SPIN enters its 3rd year, we have begun to focus on stakeholder engagement. Dr. Sandra Carroll (PhD - Nursing) has done a great job of leading the patient engagement committee. Sandra has an established research program in the field of patient decision-making and has done extensive work related to quality of life. Mr. David Fraser has accepted to serve as the patient representative on our executive committee. David comes to us not only with his perspective as a person with atrial fibrillation, but also with an extensive background in business and fundraising.

Again this year, Bayer will be co-sponsoring 2 junior faculty awards to support young AF and stroke investigators to establish their research programs. New this year, C-SPIN is launching a fellowship program, and will support 2 young investigators who are completing their training.

I look forward to another successful year for our network and its members.

Happy New Year!

Jeff Healey, Principal Investigator, Scientific Director, C-SPIN

