

Navigating Modern Clinical Research and Strategic Planning for Early Career Investigators

FINAL AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024	
07:30-08:30am	BREAKFAST / NETWORKING
08:30-08:45am	<p>WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Jodi Edwards, Dr. Nishita Singh</p> <p>Description: In this opening session, you will hear welcoming remarks from workshop co-chairs who will set the stage for the workshop and highlight the goals and intended outcomes for the day.</p>
08:45am-09:45pm	<p>RENAISSANCE RESEARCH: HOW TO NAVIGATE THE NEW MODEL OF ACADEMIC MEDICAL RESEARCH</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Michael Hill</p> <p>Description: At the beginning of an independent academic research career, the future can seem like a looming set of overwhelming hurdles. This session will provide an overview of expectations for early career investigators and include useful tips on how to navigate the journey for a rewarding experience.</p>
09:45-10:00am	BREAK / NETWORKING
10:00-11:00am	<p>STRATEGY FOR PATIENT-ORIENTED RESEARCH (SPOR)</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Annie LeBlanc, Ms. Yvonne Pelling, Dr. Nishita Singh</p> <p>Description: Patient engagement has emerged as an important way to help improve the quality, relevance, and impact of health research. However, there is limited consensus on how best to meaningfully engage patients in the research process. Dr. Annie LeBlanc and Ms. Yvonne Pelling will provide an overview of why integrating patient engagement into research programs is important and detail how patients may be meaningfully engaged in research. Dr. Nishita Singh will present a case example of meaningful patient engagement in action.</p>
11:00-12:00pm	<p>TRANSFERABLE SKILLS: WHAT ARE THEY AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Ada Tang</p> <p>Description: Success in academic research is now not only measured by publication count, H index and funding amounts secured but also by soft or transferable skills that are relevant and helpful for navigating a variety of situations. This session will encourage participants to think of their research paths much more broadly as an opportunity to develop and elevate their professional skills (i.e.: communication, collaboration, leadership) to ultimately lead to better research output and career advancement.</p>

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<p>12:00-1:30pm</p>	<p>LUNCH & MENTORING SESSION</p> <p>Mentors: Dr. Jodi Edwards, Dr. Nishita Singh, Dr. Andrew Demchuk, and more</p> <p>Description: This session will provide a platform for ECRs to discuss and explore various aspects of a research academic career including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing When and How To Say No • Protecting Your Research Time and Salary Support Negotiations • Work Life Balance • Becoming an Independent Researcher Building Your Research Network • When Media Calls
<p>1:30-2:30pm</p>	<p>THE POWER OF WORDS: GRANTS</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Eric Smith</p> <p>Description: The idea of writing your first research grant can be daunting. This session will provide participants with the tools, techniques and insider knowledge on grant writing to transform words into funded realities. This session will also feature an interactive small group feedback session.</p>
<p>2:30-3:30pm</p>	<p>THE BUSINESS OF RESEARCH: STRATEGIC PLANNING</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Craig Doram, Dr. Aravind Ganesh</p> <p>Description: Starting and running an academic research laboratory has many similarities to starting and growing a company including securing funding, personnel, finances and administration. This session will provide an overview of the business of research and highlight strategies to grow and expand a budding research program.</p>
<p>3:30-4:00pm</p>	<p>PLAYING THE LONG GAME</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Andrew Demchuk</p> <p>Description: Dr. Andrew Demchuk will bring everything together to focus on the importance of the long-term trajectory and impact of work. Building, growing and sustaining a research program is all a part of the long game.</p>
<p>4:00-5:30pm</p>	<p>NETWORKING EVENT: "CONNECTING MINDS"</p> <p>Join us for "Connecting Minds," a dynamic networking event designed to bring together early career researchers, senior researchers, research coordinators, and people with lived experience with stroke. Engage in meaningful conversations, explore new partnerships, and discover ways to work together to advance stroke research and care. "Connecting Minds" is a great opportunity to broaden your professional network and ignite innovative approaches that can make a real impact.</p>