Welcome to the Winter 2013 issue of landmARCC!
ARCC will be hosting Canada’s second applied cancer research conference featuring health economics, services, policy and ethics in cancer control on Monday May 27, 2013 in Vancouver, British Columbia. We would like to invite you to participate in what should be a very exciting day of networking and knowledge dissemination. Last year’s conference was a success and we look forward to seeing you this year. More information about the conference, registration and plenary speakers can be found in this issue.

ARCC continues to be a resource for the applied cancer control community and we are pleased Prostate Cancer Canada has included us in their Survivorship Action Partnership. This is an exciting opportunity to make a significant impact on the lives of those affected with prostate cancer and we are pleased to offer expertise to help guide and lead initiatives.

This past January we shared a network survey to garner membership feedback. Thank you for your participation. The results inform our understanding what the ARCC Network finds useful, improvements we could make or future projects to undertake to foster relationships and collaboration in health economics, services, systems, policy and ethics research. In the coming months we will be acting on the suggestions.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey and Stuart

For more details, check our website at www.cc-arcc.ca
Join us at Canada’s 2nd Applied Research in Cancer Control Conference. We have had an overwhelming response to the abstract call and the ARCC Conference 2013 promises to be an extraordinary event.

Do not miss out, come join us and be an integral part of an informative day for the applied cancer control community. The conference will have strong national leadership, presentations from across the country providing for excellent networking and knowledge exchange opportunities.

Plenary Speakers (invited and confirmed)

Dr. Ruth Etzioni, PhD

Dr. Ruth Etzioni is a biostatistician who specializes in the modeling cancer progression and outcomes. For the last ten years she has modeled prostate cancer detection and treatment with the goal of identifying the benefits and harms of prostate cancer screening and developing population screening policies. Dr. Etzioni serves on several national prostate cancer policy panels including the American Cancer Society’s panel for the early detection of prostate cancer, the National Comprehensive Cancer Network, and the American Urology Association’s PSA panel. She has been a faculty member at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center since 1994 and has a PhD in statistics from Carnegie Mellon University.

Dr. Murray Krahn, MD, MSc, FRCPC

Dr. Murray Krahn is the Director of THETA (Toronto Health Economics and Technology Assessment Collaborative), the F. Norman Hughes Chair in Pharmacoeconomics at the Faculty of Pharmacy, Professor in the Faculties of Medicine and Pharmacy, University of Toronto, Senior Scientist the Toronto General Research Institute, and Adjunct Scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, Toronto. He is also an attending physician in the division of General Internal Medicine at the University Health Network, Toronto. Dr. Krahn’s research program focuses on the use of decision analytic methods to examine health policy and health decision making. Recent research includes the development of clinical policy models, disease-specific utility instruments, and use of large administrative datasets for developing longitudinal cost models. He was recently elected as the President of the Society for Medical Decision Making.

Dr. Tom Pickles, MD

Dr. Tom Pickles is a Staff Radiation Oncologist at the BC Cancer Agency, Vancouver, and Professor (grant tenured), University of British Columbia. Clinical interests include prostate cancer (active surveillance, and brachytherapy), lymphoid malignancies including radio-immunotherapy, and particle therapy. Research interests include doctor-patient communication, population-based outcomes analysis and PSA kinetics. He was the chair of the BCCA Genito-Urinary Tumour Group 2000-2006.
Member Spotlight

Dr. May Lynn Quan is a practicing surgical oncologist and health services researcher with clinical expertise in breast cancer and melanoma. She is an Associate Professor of Surgery and Oncology at the University of Calgary Faculty of Medicine. Her research focuses on outcomes, delivery and quality of cancer care, specifically measurement of quality of care and adherence to guidelines. Recent projects include development of quality indicators and measurement of the quality of breast cancer surgery.

What is your training in and from where?
After completing my BSc in Kinesiology at the University of Waterloo I attended medical school at McMaster University. I then completed my residency in General Surgery at University of Calgary, followed by a clinical Fellowship in Breast Surgical Oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, NY. Upon my return, I completed a MSc in Epidemiology at the University of Calgary.

What are your current projects and research interests?
My current research is focused on population based outcomes for young women with breast cancer. They are an under-represented group in most clinical trials and clearly have poorer outcomes and survival compared to the average aged woman with breast cancer. The goal of the study is to understand factors that influence recurrence and mortality specific to this age group and to ultimately better inform treatment guidelines which are traditionally based on outcomes for much older women.

What is your favourite hobby?
I love chasing my 4 and 6 year old daughters down the ski hill and enjoying the outdoors in the Rocky Mountains.
Recent Publications and Presentations by ARCC Members


Upcoming Events
ARCC Webinars and Rounds
We encourage you to participate in our webinars. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get involved, learn about the latest research projects and methods, connect with researchers and discuss future research initiatives.

ARCC Method Round
Inflating costs in economic evaluations of health technologies: Are we doing it wrong?
Mike Paulden, Research Associate THETA
Monday April 8, 2013
2:00 – 3:00pm (EST) / 11:00 – 12:00pm (PST)

ARCC Webinar: Knowledge Translation
A deliberative forum as a KT instrument for screening program policy making
Dr. Jean Rousseau, Scientific Manager at the Institut National de Santé Publique Québec (INSPQ)
Wednesday July 3, 2013
1:00 - 2:00pm (EST) / 10:00 - 11:00am (PST)

ARCC Webinar: Patients and Families
The Cost of Success: Development of Second Cancers among Childhood Cancer Survivors in Ontario
Dr. Jason Pole, Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario (POGO)
Thursday May 16, 2013
1:00-2:00pm (EST) / 10:00-11:00am (PST)

ARCC Webinar: Health Systems, Services and Policy
Studying the transition from pediatric oncology
Dr. Roger Chafe, Director of Janeway Pediatric Research Unit, Memorial University
Monday June 10, 2013
1:00-2:00pm (EST) / 10:00-11:00am (PST)

ARCC Health Technology Assessment Webinar
Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH)
Tuesday September 10, 2013
2:00 – 3:00pm (EST) / 11:00 -12:00pm (PST)

ARCC Webinar: Patients and Families
Cancer Chat Canada
Dr. Joanne Stephen, Clinician Scientist, Provincial Psychosocial Oncology Program, BC Cancer Agency
Thursday October 24, 2013
1:00 - 2:00pm (EST) / 10:00 - 11:00am (PST)

Space is limited, so to avoid disappointment please register by emailing: ARCC@cancercare.on.ca
ARCC Success Stories

Congratulations!

- Sandjar Djalalov for receiving the ISPOR poster finalist award and best in panel oral presentation on personalized medicine at the ISPOR 15th Annual European Congress in Berlin, Germany.

- Paulos Teckle for receiving the International Society for Quality of Life Research (ISOQOL) New Investigator Oral Presentation Award for “Mapping responses on the Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-General (FACT-G) to the HUI2 and HUI3” and the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) Podium Presentation Award for “Estimating preferences-based index from cancer specific quality of life measures for use in cost-utility analysis.”

- Ian Cromwell and Sonya Cressman for winning best oral presentation at the 2012 British Columbia Cancer Agency Annual Cancer Conference for their work on the Pan-Canadian Initiative for Oral Cancer Control.

Did you know?

POGO Research Unit (PRU) Open Operating Grant 2013

The PRU’s Open Operating Grant is available on an ad hoc basis and is intended to fund Ontario-based projects that involve at least three POGO tertiary centres. This grant provides:

- Funding for a maximum of two years, subject to a satisfactory progress report at the end of the first year
- An annual maximum award of $50,000

Full applications must be received at the POGO office by March 18th, 2013.

For more information see here

Call For Proposals Primary and Cancer Care Integration

Expression of interest submission deadline: Friday May 3 at 5:00pm (EST)

For more information see here

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Postdoctoral Fellow Positions in Population Health

Propel Centre for Population Health Impact, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, University of Waterloo, Ontario

Start date: as early as April 1, 2013; part-time and full-time opportunities available; initial appointment 1 year with option for renewal.

Applications will be reviewed as received and this posting will remain open until positions are filled. Interested applicants should submit an application electronically including a curriculum vitae, a statement of research interests, samples of scholarly work and at least two reference letters to:

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