



CANADIAN IMMUNIZATION RESEARCH NETWORK

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# About the Canadian Immunization Research Network (CIRN)

CIRN is largely the continuation of the successful PHAC Influenza Research Network (PCIRN), which was formed through a pandemic influenza research funding opportunity.

CIRN provides a national, integrated, collaborative, multidisciplinary research platform to undertake ongoing evaluative research that will inform public health policy, provide the infrastructure, capacity, and capability for a research response to new and emerging infections (not limited to) pandemics. CIRN plays a pivotal role in early-career researchers, providing opportunities for training and delivering meaningful engagement of stakeholders at all stages.

The network is funded by a three-year grant of \$6.6 million from the Public Health Agency of Canada and CIHR, from June 2014 until May 2017.

Divided into eight sub-networks (or infrastructures), CIRN is managed through a collaborative process by the Principal Investigators of each network. Together with the Nominal Principal Investigator and five "at large" members, these Leads make up the CIRN Management Committee.

## Letter from the Management Committee

We are pleased to provide this, our sixth CIRN Annual Report, with an array of information on CIRN research programs.

CIRN operates as a “network of networks” with five core infrastructure networks, and three support networks.

2015 was PCIRN’s final year of funding, however many existing PCIRN infrastructures continued on and were expanded to support the new and broader mandate of CIRN. To date, the network has funded a total of 28 projects, and will add to that number for the coming 2016-17 year. We look forward to generating important new data to help form health policy as we continue to build this important network.

CIRN Management  
Committee,

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# CIRN Network Leads

## **Dr. Scott Halperin, Nominated Principal Investigator, CIRN**

Director of the Canadian Center for Vaccinology, Dr. Halperin is a Professor of Pediatrics and Microbiology and Immunology at Dalhousie University, Head of Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax, and Co-Network Lead of the IMPACT network. His research focuses on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of pertussis and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

## **Dr. Julie Bettinger, Network Lead, Canadian National Vaccine Safety Network**

Dr. Julie Bettinger is an Associate Professor at the Vaccine Evaluation Center in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of British Columbia and a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar. Her research interests include vaccine safety and vaccine preventable diseases as well as attitudes and beliefs around immunization uptake and use.

## **Dr. Joanne Langley, Network Lead, Clinical Trials Network**

Dr. Joanne Langley is a Professor of Pediatrics and Community Health and Epidemiology at Dalhousie University, the CIHR-GSK Chair in Pediatric Vaccinology, and Associate Director of the Canadian Center for Vaccinology. Her main research interests are in the epidemiology and prevention of respiratory infections and immunization decision making.

## **Dr. Natasha Crowcroft, Co-Network Lead, Provincial Collaborative Network**

Dr. Natasha Crowcroft is Chief of Applied Immunization Research

at Public Health Ontario (PHO) and an Associate Professor in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto. Dr. Crowcroft is widely published, and provides expertise to the World Health Organization and Pan-American Health Organization.

## **Dr. Jeff Kwong, Co-Network Lead, Provincial Collaborative Network**

Dr. Jeff Kwong is a scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) and at Public Health Ontario, a family physician at the Toronto Western Family Health Team, and an Associate Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. His research interests include infectious diseases epidemiology, health services research using linkable data, vaccination evaluation, and assessing the burden of infectious diseases.

## **Dr. Shelly McNeil, Co-Network Lead, Serious Outcomes Surveillance Network**

Shelly McNeil is a Clinical Research Scholar, Dalhousie University, and Chief, Division Infectious Diseases at the Nova Scotia Health Authority. She is also Deputy Director of the Canadian Center for Vaccinology. Her research focuses on immunization policy, the epidemiology of vaccine-preventable diseases in specific populations, focus on the elderly and pregnant women, as well as the evaluation of the effectiveness of vaccines in the prevention of serious outcomes in adults and clinical trials of new vaccines targeted at adult populations.



**Dr. Melissa Andrew, Co-Network Lead, Serious Outcomes Surveillance (SOS) Network**

Dr. Melissa Andrew is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and a consultant in Geriatric Medicine at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax. Her research focuses on frailty and social vulnerability in relation to older people's health. In her work with the Canadian Center for Vaccinology, she studies how frailty impacts both vaccine effectiveness and clinical outcomes of infections in older people.

**Dr. Karina Top, Network Lead, Special Immunization Clinics Network**

Dr. Top is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Community Health and Epidemiology at Dalhousie University and Investigator at the Canadian Center for Vaccinology. Her primary research focus is vaccine safety, clinical management of patients who have experienced adverse events following immunization, and the risk of adverse events in immunocompromised patients.

**Dr. Gaston De Serres, Co-Network Lead, Special Immunization Clinics Network**

Dr. Gaston De Serres is a medical epidemiologist at the Québec National Institute of Public Health and a Professor of Epidemiology at the Faculty of Medicine at Laval University. Dr. De Serres works in the area of control and prevention of infectious disease with a focus on vaccine-preventable diseases and respiratory infections, vaccine effectiveness and vaccine safety.

**Dr. Marc Brisson, Network Lead, Modeling and Research Network**

Dr. Brisson is an Associate Professor at Université Laval, a Canada Research Chair in Mathematical Modeling and Economics of Infectious Diseases. His research aims to develop mathematical models that predict the effectiveness and effectiveness of interventions against infectious disease decision-making.

**Dr. Brian Ward, Network Lead, Reference Laboratory Network**

Dr. Ward is a Professor of Medicine and Microbiology at McGill University, Co-Director of the McGill Vaccine Study Group, Director of the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre, Associate Director of the JD MacLean Centre for Infectious Diseases and Medical Director of the National Reference Laboratory for Parasitology. His research interests are vaccine development, diagnostics and global health.

**Dr. Eve Dubé, Network Lead, Social Sciences and Communication Network**

Dr. Dubé is a member of the Scientific Group on Immunization at the Québec National Institute of Public Health, a research fellow at the Research Center of the CHU-Québec, and an invited professor in the Anthropology Department of Université Laval. Her research focuses on the socio-cultural field surrounding immunization and vaccine hesitancy.

# Serious Outcomes Surveillance Network

Over the past year, the **Serious Outcomes Surveillance (SOS) Network** has demonstrated its continuing value as a real-time reporter of vaccine effectiveness, reporting on national influenza activity weekly to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

Established in 2009, SOS prospectively monitors the burden of influenza illness to the health care system resulting in hospitalization of adults with confirmed influenza illness.

The network also continued to conduct surveillance and report on Community Acquired Pneumonia (CAP) and Invasive Pneumococcal Disease (IPD) throughout 2015. SOS continues to provide real-time influenza and CAP surveillance data for 2016, providing invaluable data to PHAC and provincial agencies. The network comprises 13 sites located in BC, Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.







# Clinical Trials Network

The **Clinical Trials Network (CTN)** is a core infrastructure with the ability to conduct phase 1-4 clinical trials in large and/or specialized groups with a focus on safety, immunogenicity, and mechanisms of immunity. CTN includes sites in Vancouver, Calgary, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Sudbury, Montréal, Québec City, and Halifax.

This past fall, CTN undertook a multi-site study to determine if an accelerated 4CMenB vaccine schedule during university outbreaks is immunogenic, safe, and tolerable. Three sites across Canada participated in the study (Halifax, Montréal, and Vancouver), enrolling a combined total of 120 participants. hSBA titers are currently being conducted on the serum obtained in the study, and results are pending. It is hoped that the study's outcome will help increase capacity for rapid outbreak control.

Clinical trials on CMV and Ebola vaccine are expected to begin in 2016-17.

# Canadian National Vaccine Safety Network



The **Canadian Vaccine Safety Network (CANVAS)** assesses vaccine safety immediately after implementation of vaccine campaigns. The network has sites in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Québec City, Sherbrooke, and Halifax.

In February 2015, CANVAS moved quickly to study meningococcal B vaccine safety during a mass immunization campaign following an outbreak of meningococcal B disease at a university in Nova Scotia. A survey was sent to faculty, students, and staff to capture information on vaccine uptake, safety, and vaccination attitudes. Vaccine uptake was 84.7% for dose one and 70% for dose two. The survey response rates were 33.0% and 18.7% in dose one and dose two recipients respectively, and 12% in unvaccinated individuals. The most common reactions in vaccinated individuals were injection site reactions and non-specific systemic complaints. No hospitalizations were reported.

This past fall, CANVAS initiated its fifth annual influenza vaccine safety surveillance campaign, with more than 10,000 participants providing safety data in this year's cohort. CANVAS submitted weekly safety reports to the Public Health Agency of Canada in October, November and December of 2015. Safety information on the following seven vaccines was captured: Flumist, Fluviral, Vaxigrip, Agriflu, Fluzone, Influvac and Fluad. No unexpected side effects were observed in adults or children following the 2015 seasonal vaccines.

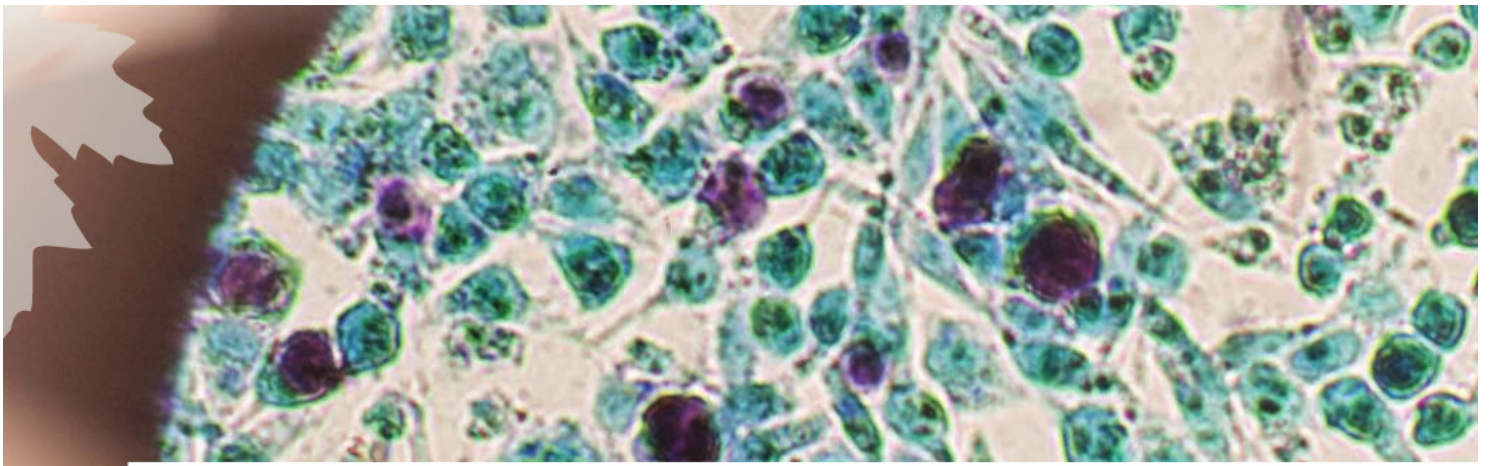




# Provincial Collaborative Network

The **Provincial Collaborative Network (PCN)** capitalizes on the extensive research capabilities in the multiple public health agencies, research institutions, and other provincial departments of health to provide a collaborative platform in which to undertake evaluative, programmatic, applied public health research.

Through the project *Evaluation and Gap Analysis of Federal and P/T Systems and Methodologies Used to Assess Immunization Coverage* an environmental scan was completed of the immunization information systems (IISs) used across Canada to record childhood and adolescent vaccinations; the study found that considerable variability exists among IISs and non-IIS processes and the methods used to assess immunization coverage in Canada. Although some provinces and territories have already pursued legislative or policy initiatives to address the data completeness and timeliness, additional opportunities exist in the information technology realm.



The objective of the *Pertussis vaccine effectiveness study using administrative data* is to estimate pertussis VE according to priming vaccine type (whole cell v. acellular) and to determine the impact of waning immunity. Analyses are underway using laboratory and health administrative data from Alberta, Manitoba, and Ontario, and results will be combined using a meta-analytical approach.

*Household case-control contact study to examine immunological protection of contacts from household transmission of pertussis* is a study protocol developed to support outbreak responsive research. In June 2015, a group of public health and vaccine experts met in Montréal to discuss the study design and the feasibility; the outcome was the development of a study protocol to investigate the level of cell-mediated immunity that protects household contacts from infection after exposure to a case of pertussis in the household.





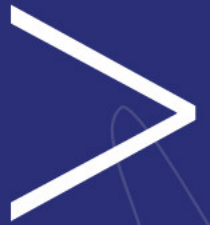
# Special Immunization Clinics Network

The **Special Immunization Clinics (SIC) Network** continued in 2015 with its primary focus in six provinces on the revaccination of individuals who have previously experienced adverse events following immunization (AEFI). As of February 2016, 412 patients were referred to SIC, with 217 patients assessed and enrolled. At this time, SIC clinics have followed 80 patients after revaccination; 14 patients experienced a recurrent adverse event; none were serious (resulted in hospitalization greater than 24 hours, permanent disability or death).

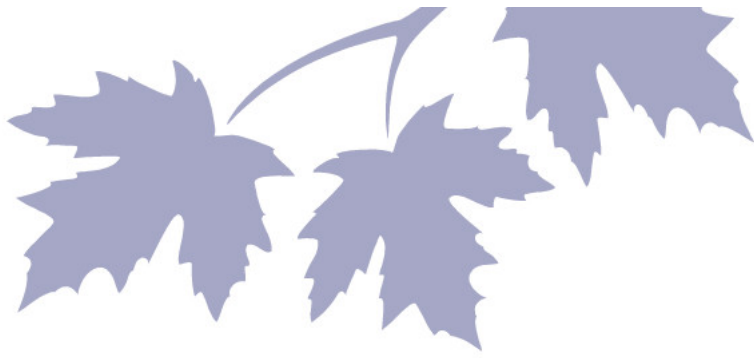
Additionally, SIC launched two new studies in 2015. The first is a study of childhood immunization practices among children with primary immune deficiencies, and the second will measure the immunogenicity and safety of immunization in children who have completed chemotherapy for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. To date, 12 patients have been enrolled in the latter study. Enrollment will continue until March 2017. Recruitment of children with primary immune deficiencies will begin in 2016; eight sites are expected to participate.



Supporting  
Infrastructures



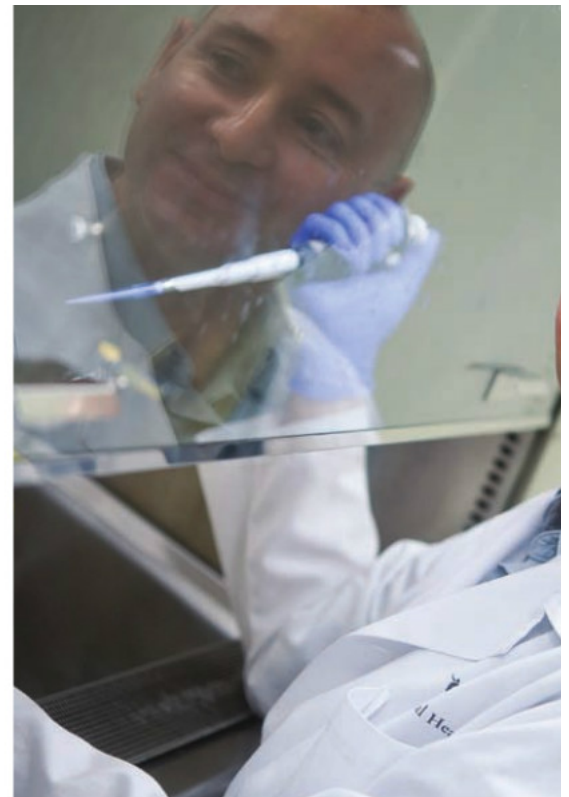




## Reference Laboratory Network

CIRN's **Reference Laboratory Network (RLN)** has continued to actively support multiple CIRN studies and to manage its sample archive of sera and other biological samples collected through the CIRN infrastructures, accessible to investigators for future studies.

RLN's sero-epidemiology group is working on two national studies to estimate population immunity to both measles and varicella using samples from Statistics Canada's Canadian Health Measures Study, as well as sera from Ontario. These are the first national sero-surveys to be undertaken in Canada, with the goal of generating essential data to inform evidence-based public health and policy decision-making about varicella control and measles elimination.



In 2015, RLN launched an ambitious new project to build a comprehensive suite of vaccine-preventable disease (VPD) assays, for use by public health practitioners, and scientists, to assess VPD in Canada.



## Social Sciences and Humanities Network

The **Social Sciences and Humanities Network (SSHN)** enhances CIRN's ability to address societal issues in all proposed projects and serves as a hub for social science and humanities-focused research generated by CIRN. SSHN strongly focuses on vaccine hesitancy, a topic of great debate in both academic and non-academic circles. The network links Canadian social scientists and humanities researchers who have expertise and interest in the ethical, legal, and social implications of vaccine programs.

SSHN initiated two new studies in 2015. *Vaccinating pregnant women: Why are maternity care providers*



*hesitant?* investigates and assesses the determinants of Canadian family physicians', obstetricians-gynaecologists' and midwives' willingness to recommend and administer vaccines to their pregnant patients using interviews and a survey. *Vaccine Hesitancy: A "Wicked" Risk Communication Problem* examines media coverage of vaccine preventable disease and vaccination in order to measure how well news coverage informs public understanding of the issue.

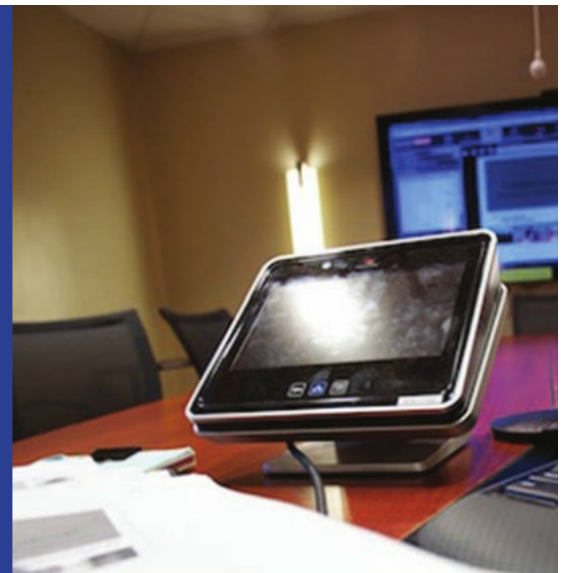
# Modeling and Economics Research Network

The focus of CIRN's **Modeling and Economics Research Network (ModERN)** is to conduct epidemiological analyses, mathematical modeling, and economic analyses to study the cost-effectiveness and population-level effectiveness of public health interventions.

ModERN launched its project to measure social and sexual contact patterns in Canada to improve control of infectious diseases in 2014; it is currently developing and will conduct a broad national survey in 2016.

Two new projects were also launched by the network in 2015; the first, *Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness of Decennial Pertussis Boosters for Adults*, has Investigators using a microsimulation model to estimate the health and economic burden of pertussis in Ontario in terms of quality-adjusted life years (QALYs) and costs. Estimates will inform an agent based model in order to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of the decennial pertussis booster in adults.

*Seasonal influenza forecasting in real time*  
*IDEA model* evaluated the performance of single-equation mathematical model (the 'Decay with Exponential Adjustment' (IDEA) which has proven useful in characterizing a (re)emerging infectious diseases including coronavirus, and Ebola virus infection. The being used to prospectively forecast influenza partnership with Ottawa Public Health and Alberta, and Nova Scotia provincial virology





# CIRN Trainees

Each year CIRN welcomes students from across the immunization research spectrum to participate in research projects and to receive funding support through CIRN.

CIRN offers training awards for master's students, doctoral (PhD) students, and postdoctoral fellows who propose or support an immunization research project related to one of the eight networks.

## CIRN Trainees

**Aleksandra Wierzbowski** ► Aleksandra is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Vaccine and Drug Evaluation Centre (VDEC) in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. Her PhD focused on molecular mechanisms of antibiotic resistance and multi-drug resistance, the spread and virulence factors as well as vaccine effectiveness among *Streptococcus pneumoniae* obtained from across Canada.

**Hasantha Sinnock** ► Hasantha is a M.Sc. student with the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. As a CIRN trainee, Hasantha is working on *A Systematic Review of Data Sources and Methodology for Vaccine Coverage Assessment in Canada* project under the direction of Dr. Salah Mahmud.

**Maryline Vivion** ► Maryline has been a member of the Group Scientific on Immunization (GSI) at the Québec National Institute of Public Health (INSPQ) since 2010. Maryline is pursuing a PhD in anthropology to better understand the different factors influencing parents' vaccination decisions, with a special focus on the role of internet and social media. Maryline also works on *Mapping Vaccine Hesitancy in Canada* as part of her PhD thesis work.

**Michelle Pinto** ► Michelle completed her subspecialty in Pediatric Infectious Diseases in Vancouver at BC Children's Hospital in 2014. Michelle is completing her Master's program in Epidemiology at the University of British Columbia. Her project examined the duration of immune memory in children who were infant vaccinees of Hepatitis B vaccine, and what additional vaccine to the current vaccine schedule are required to provide long-term protection under the supervision of Dr. David Scheifman.

**Sarah Buchan** ► Sarah is completing her PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Toronto under the supervision of Dr. Jennifer Ross. In 2016, she completed a PCIRN-funded project entitled, *Impact of Pharmacist Administration of Influenza Vaccines in Ontario, Canada*, which has recently been accepted for publication. Currently, Sarah is focused on her CIRN-funded project on estimating the effectiveness of influenza vaccines against confirmed hospitalizations in young children in Ontario.

**Monica Brown** ► Monica is currently a PhD candidate in the Department of English at the University of British Columbia. She specializes in rhetoric of health and medicine. Her research focuses on how different institutions negotiate issues of risk and response to communicable disease outbreaks. Monica has completed courses in English and Communications at Langara College.

## CIRN Trainees

**Hayley Gillis** ► Hayley is a Master of Science Pathology candidate at Dalhousie University being supervised by Drs. Jason Leblanc and Shelly McNeil. Her work supports the CIRN SOS Network by developing new tools for the molecular serotyping of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.

**Devon Greyson** ► Devon is a post doctoral research fellow studying vaccine hesitancy with Julie Bettinger at the Vaccine Evaluation Center at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Devon's areas of specialization are health information use by youth and parents, and population health information interventions.

**Karla Willows** ► Karla is an Obstetrician Gynecologist who is currently enrolled as an MSc student in the Department of Community Health Sciences and the Clinician Investigator Program at the University of Manitoba. Karla's research interests include the prevention and management of gynecological cancers and in particular, her research to date focuses on cervical cancer prevention and HPV vaccine. For her MSc thesis project, Karla is using population-wide individual-level data to assess the effectiveness of the quadrivalent HPV vaccination program in Manitoba, Canada, in preventing anogenital warts.

**María Eugenia Espinoza Moya** ► Maria is an MD and M Epidemiology, currently completing a PhD in Health Services Research at the University of Toronto. Under the supervision of Natasha Crowcroft and Philippe De Wals, her thesis focuses on the assessment of Immunization Program decision-making, and the development of an analytical framework for the post-implementation evaluation of these programs in Canada. Her research interests include immunization policy analysis, program evaluation and knowledge translation.

**Alexandra Teslya** ► Alexandra is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Toronto under the supervision of Dr. Jane M. Heffernan. She obtained her PhD in Mathematics from McMaster University. She is currently investigating effects of immigration on the immunity of the population in Ontario with respect to measles. Her main research interests are mathematical modeling of population dynamics, mathematical epidemiology and biology, systems dynamics and bifurcation theory.



**Tahmina Nasserie** ► Tahmina is a recent graduate of the Master of Public Health (Epidemiology) program at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Prior to graduate studies, she completed her B.Sc. in Human Biology at the University of Toronto. Her research interests include epidemic forecasting of vaccine-preventable diseases and knowledge translation in public health. As a CIRN trainee, Tahmina will be working on Real-Time Forecasting of Influenza using the IDEA model under the supervision of Dr. David Fisman.

**Ashleigh McGirr** (MPH) ► Ashleigh is an Epidemiology PhD Candidate at the University of Toronto. Her dissertation focuses on pertussis and the impact of immunization on the spread of disease in the community. She is particularly interested in developing, calibrating, and validating infectious disease transmission models. Ashleigh's current CIRN project, *Effectiveness and Cost-Effectiveness of Decennial Pertussis Boosters for Adults* uses an agent-based model to simulate the health and economic consequences of different immunization programs.

**Joseline Zafack** ► Joseline is a general practitioner with her medical training in 2008 and worked for two years in the neonatal unit of a reference hospital in Yaoundé. She completed her Masters in Public Health at the University of Aix-Marseille. She is currently doing her PhD in Epidemiology at Laval University. Her PhD focuses on the risk of recurrence of adverse events following immunization. Her field of interests include infectious diseases and vaccinology.



# Financial Report Funding April 2009 - March 2018

Grant funding (various) to 2018:

**PCIRN \$18,428,728 / CIRN**

**\$11,130,266**

Total grant funding to 2018:

**\$29,558,994**

Industry funding assigned to  
research studies 2009 -2016:

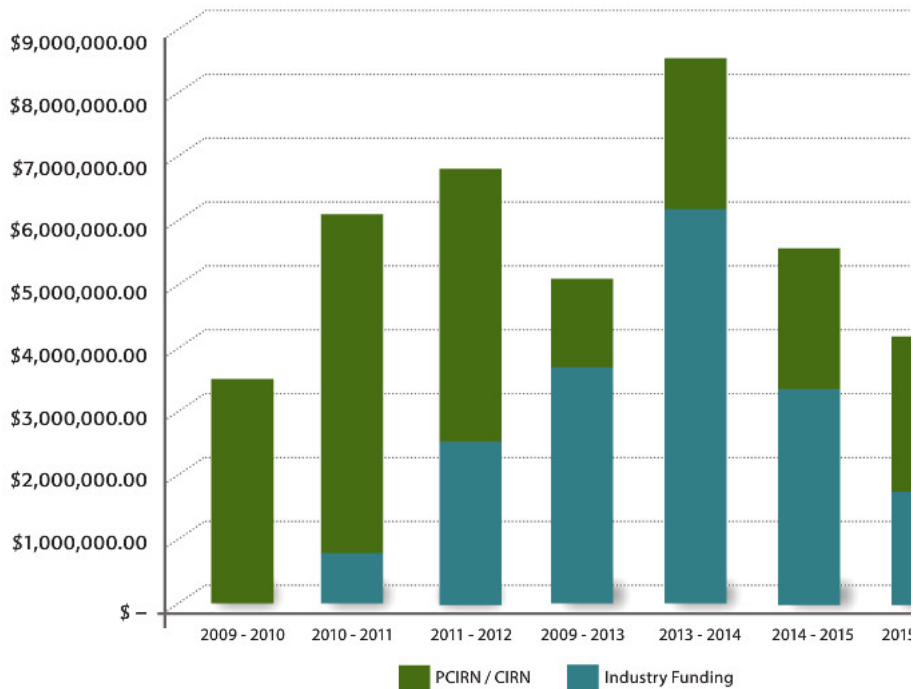
**\$18,541,000**

Total number of network research  
studies funded 2014 - 2016: **68**

Total number of participating  
investigators & contributors  
to date: **135**

Total number of participating  
institutions and organizations  
to date: **38**

## Invested in Research to March 31, 2016: \$40 million



# List of CIRN Co-Investigators 2015-2016

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Guillaume Poliquin, Public Health Agency of Canada  
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Gaston De Serres, Laval University



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 Simon Dobson, University of British Columbia  
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# List of Publications, Abstracts and Presentations

CTN	CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK
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	M Pinto. Sustaining Protection against Hepatitis B from Infancy to Adulthood: Assessing the Case for a Booster Dose in Adolescents. <i>Canadian Immunization Research Network 1st Annual Meeting</i> . May 6-7th, 2015. Montreal, Quebec.
	SA Halperin, J Langley, SA McNeil, J Scott, C Brown, D MacKinnon-Cameron. A Phase 1 Study to Evaluate the Safety and Immunogenicity of the Ebola Virus Vaccine Candidate in Healthy Adults. <i>Canadian Immunization Research Network 1st Annual Meeting</i> . May 6-7th, 2015. Montreal, Quebec.
	M Pinto. Sustaining Protection against Hepatitis B from Infancy to Adulthood: Assessing the Case for a Booster Dose in Adolescents. <i>Vaccine Research Symposium</i> , November 4-6, 2015. Vancouver, British Columbia.
	SA Halperin. Canadian Immunization Research Network (CIRN): Addressing Emerging Threats. <i>Canadian Public Health Association Conference</i> , May 25-28, 2015. Vancouver, British Columbia.
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