

OSSU UPDATE



Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit Newsletter

Summer 2015

EVENTS

OSSU Showcase 2015



Dr. Bob Bell, Deputy Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, delivers a keynote presentation at the OSSU Showcase on June 12, 2015.

The Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit held its inaugural Showcase on June 11 and 12, at the MaRS Discovery District in Toronto.

The event, which hosted over 150 invited guests, opened with a highly engaging fireside chat on patient experience in health care and health research, followed by numerous keynotes, panels, and presentations.

Topics of discussion included international experiences in patient-oriented research, patient partnerships, and thoughts on how best to leverage Ontario's health research assets. The seven IMPACT Award winners were also featured in a special session with health system leaders.

Video of the event is available on the OSSU website.

"This is truly transformational stuff. That room was packed with creative, imaginative, smart people committed to making some pretty cool things happen."

Alex Munter

*President & CEO,
Children's Hospital of
Eastern Ontario (CHEO)*

PRESENTATIONS

International Health Conference 2015

Dr. Vasanthi Srinivasan and Dr. Mark Roseman of the OSSU Coordinating Centre, as well as Dr. Michael Green of Queen's University – a recently announced IMPACT Award winner – travelled to Oxford, UK, in June to present at the International Health Conference.

Hosted by St. Hugh's College, the conference was designed to highlight the link between research and practice by gathering together a wide range of papers on health and health services research close to practice and/or policy.

Why Research is Better when it Involves the Public: Lessons from INVOLVE, UK

The Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, in collaboration with the McMaster Health Forum and the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, hosted a seminar on June 11, 2015 featuring Simon Denegri, the Chair of INVOLVE UK.

Sponsored by the Ontario SPOR SUPPORT Unit, the event was part of the Partnership for Health System Strengthening's program on Patient-Oriented Health Research & Innovation. A video of the presentation can be found on the OSSU website.

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IMPACT AWARDS

The IMPACT Awards are designed to bring together diverse stakeholders – patients, clinicians, researchers, policy makers, knowledge users, industry and other health sector participants – to develop and implement promising research opportunities that improve patient health outcomes and advance our health system.

These strategic awards, directly aligned with Ontario's *Action Plan for Health Care*, will support translational patient-oriented research projects that are Innovative, **M**asurable, **P**atient-oriented, **A**ppropriate, **C**ollaborative and **T**ransformative. Funding is provided over three years.

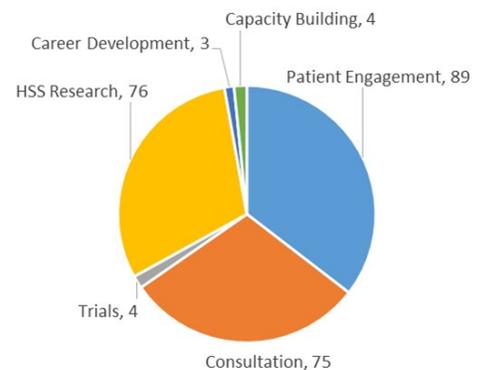
IMPACT Award Winners

- PJ Devereaux (McMaster University)
- Michael Green (Queen's University)
- Simon Hatcher (University of Ottawa)
- Noah Ivers (Women's College Hospital)
- Douglas Lee (Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences)
- Peter Szatmari (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health)
- Christian Vaillancourt (Ottawa Hospital Research Institute)

PERFORMANCE REPORTING

OSSU's performance measurement report was recently submitted to CIHR for FY14-15. Some highlights include:

- **Patient Engagement:** nearly 250 people involved in OSSU work and over 250 patients engaged across OSSU activities.
- **Collaborations:** 132 new collaborations over the year.
- **Knowledge Products:** 929 diverse knowledge products from OSSU.
- **Data sets:** OSSU added 36 data sets for patient-oriented research.
- **Capacity Building:** had over 1,000 people engaged in training and capacity building over the year.



Number of patients engaged by activity type.

IN BRIEF

SPOR Networks

The OSSU Coordinating Centre continues to meet with various Ontario-based groups engaged in CIHR's SPOR Networks in Chronic Diseases competition, to provide an understanding of OSSU's expertise and resources.

Foundation Grants

July saw the announcement of the first round of CIHR's new Foundation Grants. Ontario researchers were highly successful in the program, bringing in over \$175 million (more than 47% of the total funding on offer).

OSSU Scientists

Dr. Salim Yusuf was inducted as President of the World Heart Federation this summer, and was awarded the 2015 Arrigo Recordati International Prize.

Metadata Mapping

The Ontario Health Metadata Mapping Project, sponsored by OSSU, aims to identify all relevant sources of health-related data across Ontario and to gather the available metadata ("data about the data") necessary to create a comprehensive, online catalogue detailing Ontario's health data-holdings.

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