

Deadlines/Upcoming Events

Ontario

Clinical Update (Toronto)

December 9-10, 2011

National

Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (Vancouver) October 22-26

Research Scholarship Award November 1, 2011

Focus on Stroke 11 November 1, 2011

Jump Start Resuscitation 3 November 1, 2011

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HSF now unified across Canada

Because you are a special **friend** of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, we wanted to let you know about the exciting changes taking place in our organization. We are delighted to announce that as of September 1st, we have strengthened our Foundation from coast to coast!

After decades of operating as separate provincial entities, we have become one national organization. This is a big step for our organization – and one that will make us stronger and more agile.

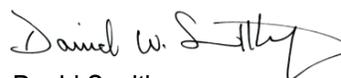
At the same time, we are committed to ensuring that the Heart and Stroke Foundation remains the grass-roots organization that it is today. We will still be present in communities throughout every province, whether it is on the Big Bike, working with students in local schools or funding heart disease and stroke research across the country. We will continue to be dedicated to improving the health of all Canadians: the organizational changes we have made will help us reach even more people and make a greater impact in keeping them healthy.

We sincerely thank you for helping us achieve so much. Your past support has meant that we have been able to make tremendous advances in reducing the devastating impact of heart disease and stroke. Your continued support will ensure that together, we can continue this

amazing progress.

If you have any questions, we would be pleased to answer them. You may contact us at dsculthorpe@hsf.ca or irawji@hsf.ca.

Yours truly,



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National research strategy FAQ available

The national Board of the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada has approved a new HSF research strategic plan to enhance the Foundation's impact in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of heart disease and stroke and strategically link research results to health policy and practice. The plan was developed through extensive consultations with stakeholders including key members of the research community. F'12 is business as usual and changes will be communicated in advance in an open and transparent fashion. Researchers will have several opportunities to input to the specifics of implementation as it unfolds. For more information, please visit our [research website](#) for details.

42nd Heart&Stroke Clinical Update: Giving Canadians more time

You're probably familiar with [Heart&Stroke Clinical Update](#), an annual HSF Ontario knowledge exchange conference that is organized for primary care health professionals.

The theme for the 42nd event, scheduled for Dec. 9-10 at the Hilton Downtown Toronto Hotel, is: ***From Prevention to Intervention – Giving Canadians More Time.***

Dr. David Sackett, a pioneer in evidence based medicine, will be sharing "What Smart Doctors Need to Know in Prescribing Treatment" in the keynote address.

A number of other experts in the cardiovascular and cerebrovascular fields will also be delivering exciting research findings. Presenters include:

- Dr. Sonia Anand
- Dr. Malcolm Arnold
- Dr. Douglas Bradley
- Dr. Ian Burwash
- Dr. Paul Dorian
- Dr. David Gladstone
- Dr. Stephen P. Lownie
- Dr. Ruth MacPherson
- Dr. Wieslaw J. Oczkowski
- Dr. Frank L. Silver
- Dr. Allan C. Skanes
- Dr. Sheldon Tobe

Visit the website to see what past attendees have said about the benefits of attending the event.

And if you register by October 31st,

you can take advantage of savings!

Stroke Collaborative: Full house!

Now in its 14th year, the [Stroke Collaborative](#), jointly organized by HSF and the Ontario Stroke Network, is a free one day conference for healthcare professionals. More than 600 people have signed up and registration is now closed.

Happening October 17 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, the theme of this year's Collaborative is ***"The Recovery Journey Across the Continuum"***.

HSF funded researchers such as Dr. Gustavo Saposnik, Dr. Mark Bayley, Dr. Jill Cameron, Dr. Aura Kagan, and other stroke experts, will present their findings and provide healthcare professionals with the latest knowledge on stroke research and stroke care. Topics will span the spectrum of prevention, acute care, rehabilitation and long term care, and community care.

We will also have Jack and Sybil Geller, a stroke survivor and his wife, sharing their recovery journey. Jack is a former partner in a prominent Bay Street law firm and former vice-chair and acting chair of the Ontario Securities Commission.

Record number of GIA applications received ... online!

HSF launched **CIRCUIlink** this past summer - our new electronic grants management system - and we are pleased to report that 100% of Grant-in-Aid (GIA) applications were received by HSF online this year from across the country.

Application numbers reached new highs: We received 474 GIA applications nationally and 273 in Ontario.

In Ontario, we're delighted to be able to maintain our funding levels for the 2012/2013 grant year (Sept. 1, 2011 deadline) and offer the Ontario research community as much stability as possible. We anticipate funding 70 GIAs again and up to five Career Investigator Awards this spring.

Review processes – peer review and budget review (Ontario) - are also going online this year.

In the next phase of this initiative, we're looking at which programs will be brought into **CIRCUIlink** next, adding other system enhancements, and bringing 'back-end' grant administration online.

If you were an applicant this past cycle, we hope you found the system efficient and easy.