



Heart Niagara Research Program

Mandate and Structure

The Heart Niagara Research Program (HNRP) promotes health research, technology evaluation and knowledge transfer in areas including risk factor and disease prevention and management. HNRP promotes collaboration and builds networks by integrating health education, health promotion, health research, health care, and health policy development of industry players, federal and provincial governments, research providers and universities.

Rationale

The function of Heart Niagara Research Program at Heart Niagara Inc. is to manage the research opportunities made possible by the large data set collected in the Healthy Heart Schools' Program. The HNRP encourages researchers from across the health spectrum to develop research programs and initiatives that can utilize existing data, improve the data set and initiate new data streams. The HNRP will generate greater public awareness of the Members scholarly expertise, as well as the breadth of their research and creative productivity. The HNRP disburses data so as to support the development of individual and collaborative research programs, to support viable research applications for external funding of various kinds, and to promote the activities of the Associate Members through public events and our web site.

Administration

The Heart Niagara Research Program is a managed program within Heart Niagara Inc. The Program Manager reports to the Executive Director. The HNRP is a Membership Committee made up of all the Associate Members and Heart Niagara representatives. The Program Manager works closely with the Associate Members in a committee structure for information sharing, transparency and sustainability.

Associate Members retain their membership by continuing to contribute research funds to the HNRP. In the spring of each year, applications are invited from all members of the HNRP who are interested in becoming Heart Niagara Inc. Board members (vacancies permitting). The HNRP manager receives administrative support from the Heart Niagara office. As well, a volunteer assistant is appointed each year to assist with the work of the Program.

Membership Committee

Manager: Don Gibson, Heart Niagara Inc.
Associate Members: Brian McCrindle, University of Toronto, Hospital of Sick Children (SickKids)
Cedric Manlhiot, Hospital of Sick Children (SickKids)
Stafford Dobbin, Heart Niagara
Karen Stearne, Heart Niagara



Funding

The Heart Niagara Research Program is funded through direct fundraising, and, collaborative projects with university and industry based researchers.

Associate Membership

All tenured or tenure-track university faculty with an interest in health are invited to become Associates of the HNRP, on the basis of having submitted a research plan to the Program.

The Program recognizes that health research addresses many risk factors and many disease processes from the same data pool, and that researchers may have varying needs for their area of interest. The HNRP expects that research plans will take a variety of approaches, some consisting of letters of intention with respect to short term projects (months), while others involving questions that can only be answered with longitudinal projects. The HNRP expects that all researchers work co-operatively while maintaining their competing interests. Application deadlines for HNRP Associate status are May 31 and November 30 each year. The application process consists of forwarding a completed application form and a current C.V. to the Membership Committee of the HNRP, in care of the Program Manager, Heart Niagara Research Program.

Initiatives

1. Associates are eligible to apply on a competitive basis for access to research data belonging to the HNRP. Data grant competition deadlines are June and December each year.

HNRP research data based projects are required to support the data pool with a contribution of a percentage of the researchers grant application funding. Data is released for the time limited to a grant proposal duration and when financial disbursements are made as defined by the granting source, or, by twelve months from the time of the grant's receipt, which ever is shorter. The Associate is expected to file a report to the HNRP on the ways in which the funding is to be disbursed through the grant. HNRP data that have not been utilized within twelve months of the grant's receipt (or another specified date, as stated when the project is announced to the recipient) will be destroyed by the researcher.

2. In keeping with its mandate to generate greater public awareness of research initiatives and scholarly expertise within the Membership Committee, the HNRP will organize a meeting or conference each year, featuring published and distinguished researchers engaged in the HNRP, as well as other distinguished speakers. A statement is required after the conference as to how the contribution assisted in supporting and enhancing research in the HHRP.

3. The HNRP does not award grants.

Please contact Heart Niagara for more information, 905-358-5552.



Associate Membership Application

Name:

Primary affiliation address (where you are working or studying) including institution and department:

Mailing address:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

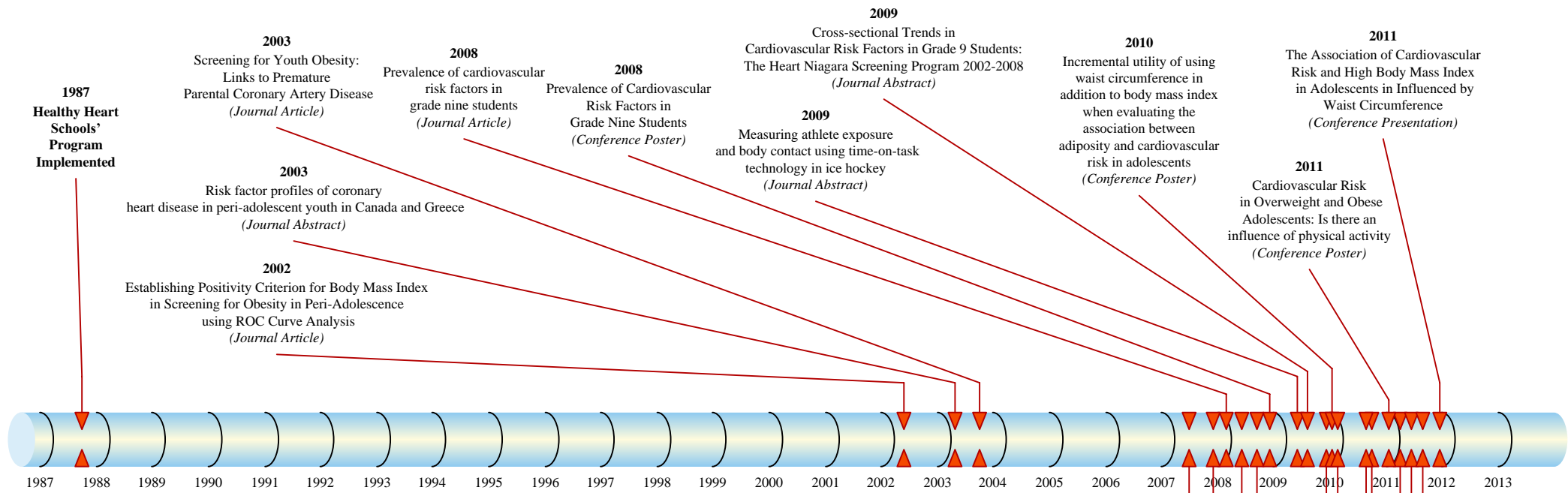
Web profile page or Facebook address:

Areas of Research Interest (in brief):

Please attach your current CV (4 pages maximum).

Date: _____

Signature: _____



1987
Healthy Heart Schools' Program Implemented

2003
Screening for Youth Obesity: Links to Premature Parental Coronary Artery Disease
(Journal Article)

2008
Prevalence of cardiovascular risk factors in grade nine students
(Journal Article)

2008
Prevalence of Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Grade Nine Students
(Conference Poster)

2009
Cross-sectional Trends in Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Grade 9 Students: The Heart Niagara Screening Program 2002-2008
(Journal Abstract)

2009
Measuring athlete exposure and body contact using time-on-task technology in ice hockey
(Journal Abstract)

2010
Incremental utility of using waist circumference in addition to body mass index when evaluating the association between adiposity and cardiovascular risk in adolescents
(Conference Poster)

2011
The Association of Cardiovascular Risk and High Body Mass Index in Adolescents Influenced by Waist Circumference
(Conference Presentation)

2011
Cardiovascular Risk in Overweight and Obese Adolescents: Is there an influence of physical activity
(Conference Poster)

2003
Risk factor profiles of coronary heart disease in peri-adolescent youth in Canada and Greece
(Journal Abstract)

2002
Establishing Positivity Criterion for Body Mass Index in Screening for Obesity in Peri-Adolescence using ROC Curve Analysis
(Journal Article)

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2007
Prevalence of Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Ontario Adolescents
(Journal Article)

2007
Comparison of Anthropometry and Parental-reported Height and Weight among nine year olds
(Journal Article)

2008
Generalized Self-efficacy and Performance on the 20-metre Shuttle Run in Children
(Journal Abstract)

2008
Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Adolescent Smokers: Evidence of a 'smoker lifestyle'
(Journal Abstract)

2009
Population Trends Towards Increasing Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Canadian Adolescents: The Heart Niagara Healthy School Program 2002-2008
(Conference Poster)

2010
Population Trends Towards Increasing Cardiovascular Risk Factors in Canadian Adolescents
(Journal Article)

2010
Adolescent Cardiovascular Risk Factors: A Follow-up Study
(Journal Article)

2010
Association between sleep and cardiovascular risk factors in adolescents
(Conference Poster)

2011
The Association Between Sleep Disturbances and Obesity in Adolescents May Be Mediated by Increased Consumption of Caffeinated Beverages
(Conference Poster)

2011
Population-Based Lipid Screening in the Era of a Childhood Obesity Epidemic: The Importance of Non-HDL Cholesterol Assessment
(Conference Presentation)

2011
Examining the impact of socioeconomic status on cardiovascular risk factors in Canadian adolescent
(UofT/SickKids Research Day Presentation, award received)

Healthy Heart Schools' Program

Research and Publishing Timeline

Print Date: July 11, 2011

