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CRISM Prairie Node *News and Notes*

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CRISM is a national network dedicated to translating substance misuse intervention research results into practice and policy.



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News and Notes is designed to keep you in the loop on Regional and National CRISM activities.

On behalf of everyone involved in the Prairie CRISM Node, Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays!



Member survey results available

Thanks to everyone who responded to our invitation to complete the Prairie CRISM Node Member survey! We have compiled responses received as of November 30, 2015 into a short report. Please click the 'Member Survey Results' button below to access these results.

Based on member feedback we have proposed a series of next steps. This document can be accessed by clicking on the 'Progress Report/Next Steps' button below.

If you are new to CRISM or haven't completed the survey, register your interest in being a Member by clicking on the 'Access our Member Survey' button below. Your responses will be added to the next results summary.

[Click here to access Member Survey Results document](#)

[Click here to access Progress Report/Next Steps document](#)

[Click here to access our Member Survey](#)

Call for proposals: CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grants on prescription drug misuse

CIHR recently released a call for Prescription Drug Misuse Knowledge Synthesis Grants of up to \$100,000. All forms of **knowledge synthesis** are eligible, including **systematic reviews, realist syntheses, narrative syntheses, meta-analyses**, meta-syntheses and **meta-ethnography**. Syntheses that are intended to lead to the development of **practice guidelines** are also eligible. This funding opportunity may synthesize results from qualitative, quantitative or **multi-method** research. The types of knowledge that can be synthesized are broad and can include empirical as well as theoretical knowledge. All syntheses in this funding opportunity must assemble, analyze and summarize knowledge. For more information, click on the button below.

[Click here to access CIHR's Knowledge Synthesis Funding Opportunity](#)

Update on Node funding for Member research and knowledge exchange

The CRISM Prairie Node will consider ad-hoc requests from Node Members (Investigators and Knowledge Users) on a rolling basis to provide one-time funding up to \$15,000. Funds are to be used to support research and/or knowledge exchange activities in the area of substance misuse interventions.

To date, we have received 3 applications from Members for Node support, of which 2 are approved and 1 is under review. Congratulations to **Bonnie Lee** (University of Lethbridge) and **Darlene Chalmers** (University of Regina) and their colleagues.

Members can submit applications via email to Denise Adams at denise.adams@ualberta.ca. The application form can be accessed via the button below.

[Click here to access the Node Funding application](#)

National CRISM Study approved

One of CIHR's requirements for the network to complete at least one National-level study involving all regional CRISM Nodes. CIHR will be releasing \$4M of operational funds to the CRISM network (approximately \$1M per Node) in order to conduct this study. Access to these funds required an application to CIHR, which was submitted October 6. CIHR

informed CRISM in early December that an independent review panel has recommended funding the National study. The study will be known as **OPTIMA**: Optimizing patient centered-care: a pragmatic randomized controlled trial comparing models of care in the management of prescription opioid misuse.

Regional planning will begin early in January with a working group of Node Members who have expressed interest in participating in OPTIMA. We are delighted to welcome Dr. **Ron Lim** (University of Calgary and Calgary Opioid Dependency Program) and Dr. **Avi Aulakh** (Alberta Health Services - Edmonton Opioid Dependency Program) into the Node. Ron and Avi are key players in these treatments and will be Alberta Site Investigators for OPTIMA. We are doing groundwork to identify additional sites in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Other Node Members who have expressed interest in OPTIMA will be brought into discussions as the regional and national OPTIMA teams further develop the study protocol.

If you are interested in contributing to this study or can recommend key sites or people in our Node who should be involved, please send an email to denise.adams@ualberta.ca with a copy to cam.wild@ualberta.ca. We will follow up with you as part of the process of organizing our Node's participation in this National project.

The National study proposal submitted to CIHR is available by clicking the button below.

[Click here to access the National CRISM proposal submitted to CIHR](#)

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Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR)

Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions and *CIHR* jointly sponsor the Alberta SPOR SUPPORT unit, which offers assistance to researchers working on patient-oriented research. For more information, click the button below.

Saskatchewan Centre for Patient Oriented Research (SCPOR). For more information, click the button below.

<http://research.usask.ca/oavpr-health/SCPOR.php> ADD BUTTON LINK

Prescription drug misuse information

The US-based *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)*

provides a weekly update service on the latest trends in prescription drug misuse. Each week, they summarize dozens of articles and resources of interest to researchers and non-academics alike. Clicking on the button below will take you directly to their sign up page to subscribe to this service.

[Click here to connect with Alberta's SPOR SUPPORT unit](#)

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