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Progress

Summer is here in Canada! We would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress that we have made since receiving **funding for CHIPS in March 2008**.

Over the past four months, our CHIPS Team has been busy working on ethics approval for our Clinical Co-ordinating site (granted July 2008), information and consent form, clinical



study agreement, working protocol, data collection forms, and the mother's blood pressure diary. The **CHIPS website**:

(<http://www.utoronto.ca/cmcr/chips/>) will become active once all of our forms are finalised.

Upcoming

We expect to be ready to send out **Interested Centre Packages in September 2008**.

These will include the CHIPS Clinical Study Agreement, and all information required to make an application to your local REB.

We are happy to help centres draft their initial ethics applications, but apologise in advance for the fact that we can only offer this assistance in English. If this is of interest to you, please send us (to chips@cw.bc.ca) your relevant research ethics board forms to be completed and we will draft them for your approval and submission.

For those of you in the UK, Professor Jim Thornton has kindly agreed to help us with the MREC application, and this is something that we will work on with him in September 2008.

Over the next few months, we will be in contact with many of you as we start to plan **regional CHIPS meetings and site visits**, in geographical clusters. Thank you in advance for your help while we plan these visits. If you feel that a date(s) would be particularly appropriate, please let us know at chips@cw.bc.ca.

Recruitment is planned to start in early 2009.

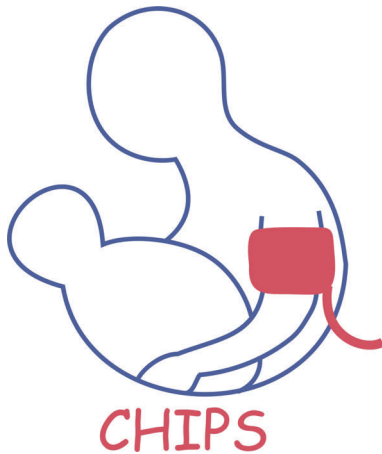
In terms of **funding**, we have allocated CDN\$1,500 per centre for start-up. As a new practice, we have allocated CDN\$10 to each Eligibility Form, completed for women who are eligible for CHIPS but who do not consent to participate. Otherwise, funding is per patient at the rate of approximately CDN\$875.00

(depending on the number of relevant forms required).

Please do not hesitate to contact us at chips@cw.bc.ca with any questions or concerns.

We are here to work with you to complete CHIPS and answer an important question for women and babies!





CHIPS (The Control of Hypertension In Pregnancy Study)

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Central Co-ordination of CHIPS

The central co-ordination of CHIPS will be from two sites.

We thought that a brief description of each site's activities may be useful at this stage, but we will also provide further details later.

1. The Clinical Co-ordinating Centre (Vancouver): This is where both the principal investigator (Dr. Laura Magee) and CHIPS Trial Co-ordinator (Ms. Tara Morris) are located. From

this centre, you will receive Newsletters, Interested Centre Packages, Start-up Packages and communication about REB approvals. It is to **chips@cw.bc.ca** that all clinical queries and questions about the study protocol should be directed.

2. The Data Co-ordinating Centre (Toronto): Data management will be handled here at The Centre for Mother, Infant, and Child Research

(CMICR) at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Your data collections forms will be sent here and all data queries will originate from the CMICR. The CHIPS Data Co-ordinator will be Ms. Sonya Mergler. All data management queries can be directed to: **chipsdata@sunnybrook.ca**

Upcoming CHIPS Meeting at ISSHP

CHIPS will be holding a joint meeting with the PIERS (Pre-eclampsia Integrated Estimate of RiSk) International Study at the upcoming ISSHP (International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy) 16th World Congress in Washington D.C. The ISSHP World Congress is being held from September 21st through 24th, and is being co-ordinated with the International Society of Obstetric Medicine (ISOM) meeting, which is being held in the same venue (September 21st and 22nd).

Dr Laura Magee (CHIPS) and Dr Peter von Dadelszen (PIERS) would like to invite all interested parties to this CHIPS & PIERS Breakfast followed by a lunch-hour question & answer session:

Where: Omni Shoreham Hotel, Executive Room

Date: Monday September 22nd 2008

When: 0700 to 0800 (Breakfast)
1245 to 1430 (Q&A)

A continental breakfast will be served at 0645, followed by brief presentations by Drs Magee and von Dadelszen. The meeting will wrap up at 0800, in time for the start of the ISSHP program. Due to the limited time we have in the morning, we would also like to invite everyone to bring their ISSHP lunches back to the Executive Room at 1245 for a Question & Answer period.

For general information about the ISSHP World Congress, please visit their website:

<http://www.isshp2008-washington.org/>

If you have any questions about the CHIPS/PIERS Breakfast, or would like to RSVP for the meeting, please contact Tara Morris at chips@cw.bc.ca.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

