NEW CORE TIMES

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CORE HEADLINES

New CORE Times Kicks Off!
CORE’s Newsletter has arrived! We are proud to announce that CORE will be publishing a quarterly newsletter that is designed to provide a snapshot of our groups’ achievements, impactful research and many other exciting announcements. If you wish to subscribe, please contact info@core.ubc.ca.

CORE WELCOMES DR. JACQUELYN CRAGG AS OUR NEWEST FACULTY MEMBER
Dr. Cragg is a data scientist and Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC. She completed MPH and PhD degrees in epidemiology and biostatistics from the UBC School of Population and Public Health.

She also completed her post-doctoral fellowships with the Harvard T.H Chan School of Public Health and International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries (ICORD).

CORE RESEARCH

The Increasing Burden of Uncontrolled Asthma in the US

Mohsen Yaghoubi, (CORE post-doctoral fellow) and Mohsen Sadatsafavi, published an original article in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine projecting the economic and humanistic burden of uncontrolled asthma.

They projected that uncontrolled asthma will cost the U.S. economy an estimated $300

TRAINEE ACHIEVEMENTS
Kate Johnson (PhD Candidate) has started her post-doctoral position at the University of Washington’s CHOICE Institute. She will come back to defend her thesis soon. Stay tuned!

Tae (Harry) Lee received a Four-Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF) Award from UBC. This competitive scholarship will provide Harry with stipend and tuition waiver for four years.

Hadis Mozaffari received a Four-Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF) Award from UBC. This competitive scholarship will provide Hadis with stipend and tuition waiver for four years.

Hadis Mozaffari presented at the Vancouver Diabetes Research Day which led to her being profiled as a trainee on the BC diabetes Research Network website.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS
Dr. Mohsen Sadatsafavi was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor (with tenure) in November 2019.

NEW GRANTS & AWARDS
Annalijn Conklin is a Co-Investigator on a CIHR Team Grant: Indigenous Component of Healthy Life Trajectories (I-HeLTI), awarded November 2019 for 2 years at $506,250 per year.
Stephanie Harvard and Mohsen Sadatsafavi received $78,089 from the BC Academic Health Science Network and the BC SUPPORT Unit to study how ‘Peer Models Network’ can be used to enable Patient-Oriented Health Economics research.

Jacquelyn Cragg received a $5,000 UBC Vancouver-Okanagan Collaborative Research Mobility Award.

Magda Aguiar and Mark Harrison received $63,816 from the BC SUPPORT Unit to gather local communities’ knowledge and experiences in health care decision making to advance health economic methods for rural and remote health research.

Logan Trenaman and Mark Harrison received $67,000 from the BC SUPPORT Unit to study how routinely collected PROMS and PREMS alongside administrative data can be used to enhance Patient-Oriented Health Economics research methods.

Larry Lynd is Co-I on the Social Pharmaceutical Innovation for Unmet Medical Needs project which will be funded by the Trans-Atlantic Platform: Social Sciences and Humanities in the amount of €515,690 (~CDN$750,000) for year 3, starting Dec 2019. The team consists of a diverse group of international co-applicants from Canada, Brazil, France, and the Netherlands.

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billion in the next 20 years in direct medical costs alone. This value increases to an estimated $963 billion if costs due to loss of work productivity are included. The impact on quality of life is projected to be equal to loss of 15.5 million years with full health. This study was published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine (IF:16.49)

ONGOING STUDY AT CORE ON “MAKING MEDICATION DECISIONS FOR FAMILY PLANNING AND PREGNANCY AMONG WOMEN WITH RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS (MOTHERS)”

The MOTHERS Study team from the left, Dr. Mary De Vera (Principal Investigator), Louise Gastonguay (Research Coordinator), and Nevena Rebic (MSc Trainee and Research Coordinator)

Funded by the Canadian Initiative for Outcomes in Rheumatology Care (CIORA), the goal of the MOTHERS Study is to better understand how women with rheumatoid arthritis make decisions about taking medications before and during pregnancy. Our prior research has shown that women with rheumatoid arthritis will often stop medications when they become pregnant and that they are turning to online communities for support and advice about using medications during pregnancy. We know that finding the right information about taking medications to safety and effectively manage rheumatoid arthritis is challenging and we want to take the stress out of this process by helping healthcare teams better support women so that they can focus on their pregnancies.

Recruitment for the MOTHERS Study is ongoing and we are inviting: women living anywhere in Canada, between 18-50 years old, have a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, and can communicate in English or French, to consider participating. Participation will involve a focus group and/or individual interview conducted online, over the phone, or in-person. Participants will receive a $25 gift card for each interview as a token of appreciation. Please follow the link: http://tinyurl.com/MOTHERSUBC

CORE SPOTLIGHT

HALLIE DAU, MPH

Hallie Dau grew up in sunny San Diego, California. She obtained her BA in International Affairs and MPH in Maternal and Child Health from the George Washington University before moving to the Pacific Northwest. Before crossing the border to Canada, she worked for the University of Washington on several global health projects, including a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant. Currently, she is a research coordinator for Dr. Mary De Vera. Hallie manages Dr. De Vera’s colorectal cancer research studies. Her primary study, CONNECT, focuses on the information and health seeking needs of individuals diagnosed with colorectal cancer. This past year, Hallie helped conduct a quantitative global online survey of 1600 individuals and a qualitative study of 34 individuals diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Outside of work, Hallie can often be found knitting, cooking, or hiking. She has recently learned to adapt to the snowy Canadian winters by picking up snowshoeing as a way to continue to explore British Columbia year round.