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# Welcome

On behalf of the planning committee, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ottawa Cardiovascular Research Day. This event is open to all cardiovascular research trainees in the Ottawa region, and is designed to give trainees an opportunity to showcase their outstanding projects and network with scientists and peers.

We are excited to share the following program highlights:

- Keynote lecture by Dr. Milica Radisic, esteemed Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering Researcher and Professor at the University of Toronto
- Ottawa Region's Cardiovascular Trainee of the Year Lecture given by Dr. Janet Ngu, Cardiac Surgery Resident, Division of Cardiac Surgery
- The Coralie Lalonde Innovation Award Finals, held in the Foustanelas Auditorium and open to all event attendees. This award recognizes innovative ideas and trainees' ability to effectively communicate to a lay audience. Attend to hear your colleagues pitch their work to a panel of external judges!
- Investigator of the Year and Roberts Awards have been moved to the Research Celebration annually held in December

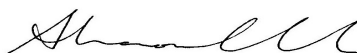
With 11 abstract talks and 62 posters, we are confident the Ottawa Cardiovascular Research Day is a great venue to network with colleagues and learn more about the work being done in the Ottawa region. The day will conclude with a networking session, and an awards ceremony to recognize the best oral presentations and posters.

We would like to thank our speakers, presenters, judges, session chairs, and organizers for making this event possible. We would also like to extend our gratitude to all sponsors for their generous support: the Polk Family Foundation, Ms. Coralie Lalonde, the University of Ottawa Faculty Of Medicine, and our Silver Level Sponsor: Akcea Therapeutics, and Bronze Level Sponsor: AstraZeneca.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Research Day Committee



Sharon Chih, MBBS, PhD, FRACP  
Co-Chair, Research Day Committee

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# Program Overview

<p><b>7:00 – 8:00</b></p>	<p><b>Registration, Morning Snack &amp; Poster Setup</b></p>
<p><b>8:00 – 8:15</b></p>	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b> Dr. Erik Suuronen, Chair, Research Day Committee, UOHI</p> <p><b>Chief Scientific Officer Address</b> Dr. Peter Liu, VP Research &amp; Chief Scientific Officer, UOHI</p> <p><b>Welcome Address</b> Dr. Thierry Mesana, CEO &amp; President, UOHI</p>
<p><b>8:15 – 9:30</b></p>	<p><b>Oral Presentation Session #1</b></p> <p><i>Linkage to ORACLE Themes: Precision Medicine &amp; Big Data &amp; Artificial Intelligence</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Mohammad Al-Khalaf, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI</p>
	<p><b>O-1 Combining aortic size with measures of aortic stiffness and pulsatile hemodynamics enhances prediction of future thoracic aortic aneurysm expansion</b> Dr. Tina Zhu, Clinical Fellow, UOHI Supervisor: Dr. Thais Coutinho</p> <p><b>O-2 Persistent LV Mechanical Dyssynchrony Portends a Poor Prognosis Post CRT: a RAFT Substudy</b> Dr. Aws Almufleh, Cardiology Resident, UOHI, Supervisor: Dr. Gary Small</p> <p><b>O-3 Regulation of voltage-gated Na<sup>+</sup> current by Wnt signalling in healthy and Brugada Syndrome human cardiomyocytes</b> Dr. Aizhu Lu, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI Supervisor: Dr. Wenbin Liang</p> <p><b>O-4 The Role of Irx5 in Establishing Ventricular Transmural Gradients</b> Ms. Yena Oh, PhD Candidate, UOHI Supervisor: Dr. Han Kim</p> <p><b>O-5 Functional relationship of CARS2 locus to Coronary Artery Disease</b> Ms. AnhThu Dang, PhD Candidate, UOHI Supervisor: Dr. Ruth McPherson</p>

9:30 – 10:15	<p><b>Health Break</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Poster Session &amp; Poster Judging #1</b></p>
10:15 – 11:00	<p><b>Coralie Lalonde Innovation Award Finalists' Pitches</b></p> <p><b>Moderator &amp; Judge:</b> Dr. Mireille Ouimet</p> <p><b>Chair &amp; Member of Judging Panel:</b> Ms. Coralie Lalonde, CEO, Katsura Investments</p>
	<p><b>I-1 Correcting patient motion during cardiac PET imaging using PeTrack</b> Mr. Spencer Manwell, PhD Candidate, Carleton University Supervisor: Dr. Rob deKemp</p> <p><b>I-2 How a lipid could be a therapy of a cardiovascular disease called atherosclerosis</b> Dr. Anne-Claire Duchez, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI Supervisor: Dr. Katey Rayner</p> <p><b>I-3 A novel strategy to correct the key defect causing sudden deaths in Brugada Syndrome patients</b> Dr. Aizhu Lu, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI Supervisor: Dr. Wenbin Liang</p> <p><b>I-4 MicroRNA Biosignatures in Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy</b> Dr. Aws Almufleh, Cardiology Resident, UOHI Supervisor: Dr. Sharon Chih</p>
11:00 – 11:25	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
11:25 – 11:55	<p><b>Ottawa Cardiovascular Research Trainee of the Year Lecture</b></p> <p><i>A Cardiac Surgery &amp; Research Trainee: Lessons I've Learned Along the Journey</i></p> <p>Dr. Janet Ngu, Cardiac Surgery Resident, UOHI</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Peter Liu, VP Research &amp; Chief Scientific Officer, UOHI</p>
11:55 – 12:00	<p><b>Presentation of the Coralie Lalonde Innovation Award to the Winner</b></p> <p><b>Presented by:</b> Ms. Coralie Lalonde, CEO, Katsura Investments</p>

<p><b>12:00 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b></p> <p><i><b>Organ-on-a-Chip Engineering &amp; Injectable Tissues</b></i></p> <p><b>Milica Radisic, PhD</b>  Professor and Canada Research Chair Tier 2  Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, University of Toronto  Principal Investigator, Laboratory for Functional Tissue Engineering, Toronto  General Hospital Research Institute</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Dr. Erik Suuronen, Chair, Research Day Committee, UOHI</p>
<p><b>13:00 – 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>Health Break</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Poster Session &amp; Poster Judging #2</b></p>
<p><b>14:00 – 14:45</b></p>	<p><b>Oral Presentation Session #2</b></p> <p><i>Linkage to ORACLE Theme: Discovery &amp; Translational Innovations</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. AnhThu Dang, PhD Candidate, UOHI</p>
	<p><b>O-6 Anti-inflammatory lipid mediator resolvin D1 decreases regulated cell death necroptosis in atherosclerosis</b>  Dr. Anne-Claire Duchez, Postdoctoral Fellow UOHI,  Supervisor: Dr. Katey Rayner</p> <p><b>O-7 Infarcted hearts treated with methylglyoxal scavenger-loaded collagen hydrogel exhibit less inflammation greater vascularity and improved function</b>  Ms. Cagla Eren Cimenci, PhD Candidate, UOHI  Supervisor: Dr. Erik Suuronen</p> <p><b>O-8 Regulation of Glucose Metabolism via the Intra-Islet Dipeptidyl Peptidase 4 – Incretin Axis</b>  Ms. Evgenia Fadzeyava, MSc Candidate, UOHI  Supervisor: Dr. Erin Mulvihill</p>
<p><b>14:45 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Oral Presentation Session #3</b></p> <p><i>Linkage to ORACLE Theme: Healthy Diverse Populations</i></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Ms. Natasha Trzaskalski, PhD Candidate, UOHI</p>
	<p><b>O-9 The Effect Of A Single Bout Of Aerobic Exercise On Arterial Stiffness And Central Hemodynamics In Adults With Diabetes: A Randomized Controlled Cross-Over Design Study</b>  Dr. Kimberley Way, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Reed</p> <p><b>O-10 The use of placenta pathology to identify women at high-risk of cardiovascular disease following preeclampsia</b>  Ms. Erika Mery, BSc Candidate, University of Ottawa  Supervisor: Dr. Shannon Bainbridge</p>



	<p><b>O-11 Efficacy of cost-free pharmacotherapy for smoking cessation for high-risk smokers with cerebrovascular disease</b>  Dr. Lisa Cotie, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  Supervisor: Dr. Bob Reid</p>
<b>15:30 – 16:15</b>	<b>Refreshment Break and Networking Reception</b>
<b>16:15 – 16:30</b>	<p><b>Awards Ceremony</b>  Chair: Dr. Sharon Chih, Co-Chair, Research Day Committee, UOHI</p>
	<p><b>Awards include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Yves Marcel Award for Best Basic Science Oral Presentation</li> <li>• Howard &amp; Doris Polk Award for Best Clinical Science / Bio-behavioural &amp; Population Health Oral Presentation</li> <li>• Award for Best Basic Science Poster</li> <li>• Award for Best Clinical Science / Bio-Behavioural &amp; Population Health Poster</li> <li>• Awards for Honourable Mentions</li> </ul>
<b>16:30 – 16:35</b>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b>  Dr. Erik Suuronen, Chair, Research Day Committee, UOHI</p>
<b>16:35 – 16:50</b>	<b>Poster Tear-Down</b>

# Keynote Speaker



## **Milica Radisic, PhD**

### **Professor and Canada Research Chair Tier 2**

Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, University of Toronto

Principal Investigator, Laboratory for Functional Tissue Engineering, Toronto General Hospital Research Institute

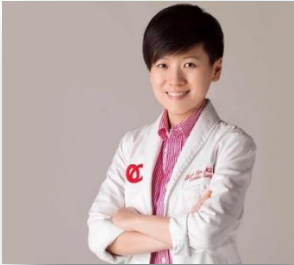
**Dr. Milica Radisic** obtained her B.Eng. from McMaster University and Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada-Academy of Science, Canadian Academy of Engineering and the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, and has received numerous awards and fellowships including MIT Technology Review Top 35 Innovators Under 35. Dr. Radisic was a recipient of the Professional Engineers Ontario-Young Engineer Medal in 2011, Engineers Canada Young Engineer Achievement Award in 2012, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2013 and NSERC E.W.R Steacie Fellowship in 2014.

The long-term objective of Dr. Radisic's research is to enable cardiovascular regeneration through tissue engineering and development of new biomaterials. Her research interests also include microfluidic cell separation and development of in vitro models for drug testing, and her research findings have been presented in over 160 research papers, reviews and book chapters with h-index of 54 and over 10,000 citations. Currently, Dr. Radisic holds research funding from CIHR, NSERC, CFI, ORF, NIH, and the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

She is also the Associate Chair-Research for the Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry at the University of Toronto and Director of the NSERC CREATE Training Program in Organ-on-a-Chip Engineering and Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Radisic is an Associate Editor for ACS Biomaterials Science & Engineering, and a member of the Editorial Board of Tissue Engineering, Advanced Drug Delivery Reviews and Regenerative Biomaterials. She serves on review panels for Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the National Institutes of Health, and is actively involved with BMES (Cardiovascular Track Chair in 2013 and 2104) and TERMIS-AM (Council member, Chair of the Membership Committee). Dr. Radisic was a co-organizer of a 2017 Keystone Symposium, "Engineered Cells and Tissues as Platforms for Discovery and Therapy" and is a co-founder of a New York-based company TARA Biosystems that uses human engineered heart tissues in drug development and safety testing for major pharmaceutical companies. Dr. Radisic serves on the Board of Directors for Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and TARA Biosystems.

# Ottawa Region Trainee of the Year



## **Janet Ngu, M.D., M.Sc.**

Cardiac Surgery Resident

University of Ottawa Heart Institute

**Dr. Janet Ngu** is a final-year Cardiac Surgery Resident at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute (UOHI). Dr. Ngu had a tremendous year in 2018-19, where her research success was exemplified by several papers published in high impact, peer reviewed specialty journals. Of note was a first-authored paper in the *European Journal of Cardiothoracic Surgery* describing short and long term outcomes of bilateral internal thoracic artery skeletonization in coronary artery bypass surgery. As the junior principal author of the study, Dr. Ngu led the design of the research and made key contributions to many aspects of the project including complex data analysis. It was this project that led her to the Young Investigator Award at the European Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery Annual Meeting in Vienna. At the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress in the fall of 2018, Dr. Ngu was recognized with the prestigious Paul Cartier Resident Award; this honour is presented to a resident who has demonstrated the highest degree of research accomplishment during their training and a great potential for a distinguished career in cardiac surgery research.

Dr. Ngu mentors junior trainees and is involved with undergraduate medical student and cardiac surgery resident boot camps. She presently supervises an anesthesiology resident and a medical student; serves on the Cardiac Surgery Residency Program Recruiting Committee; and stood on the UOHI Board of Directors' Quality of Care Committee for the last 4 years. She has served as a reviewer for the Collins Surgical Research Day, the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress Abstract Review Committee, and the *Journal of Thoracic Surgery*. Dr. Ngu is a member of the International Society for Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery, Canadian Cardiovascular Society, Canadian Society of Cardiovascular Surgeons, and College of Physicians & Surgeons of Ontario.

Dr. Ngu has published 21 peer reviewed papers in high impact journals including *Circulation* and the *Journal of Thoracic Cardiovascular Surgery*. She has presented 21 abstracts at local, national, and international conferences, and written a book chapter on Minimally Invasive Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Surgery.

Dr. Ngu's success to date is a testament to her dedication in balancing research and clinical training demands and overcoming challenges. In 2017, Dr. Ngu was interviewed on national television by CTV when a segment featured the inspiring story of Dr. Ngu who is continuing to overcome enormous obstacles to achieve her goals, including surmounting her hearing impairment using her gift of enhanced observation - a striking quality that sets her apart from others. Dr. Ngu is a leader and an inspiration for us all, having dedicated her life toward mending hearts and saving lives.

# Poster Presentations: Basic Science

- P-1 **Preliminary Evaluation of Matrix Metalloproteinase-13 as a Target for Imaging Atherosclerosis**  
Mr. Rami Al Haddad, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Benjamin Rotstein
- P-2 **DNA Damage Activates Inflammation via the cGAS-STING Pathway Inducing Cardiac Remodeling and Senescence**  
Dr. Mohammad Al-Khalaf, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Peter Liu
- P-3 **Kernel-Based Dynamic Cardiac PET Image Reconstruction of C-11-Hydroxyephedrine**  
Ms. Zahra Ashouri, PhD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Robert deKemp
- P-4 **Exploring alternate conformations of PCSK9: effects on LDL and LDL receptor binding**  
Mr. Ikhuosho Asikhia, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Lagace
- P-5 **The Role of Human miR1908-5p on Cholesterol Metabolism**  
Ms. Kaitlyn Beehler, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Ruth McPherson
- P-6 **Regulation of necrosome components by microRNAs**  
Ms. Mary Lynn Cottee, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Katey Rayner
- P-7 **Understanding the role of mitochondria fusion and fission in macrophage polarization through the use of microRNAs**  
Mr. Shan Dhaliwal, Undergraduate Student, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Katey Rayner
- P-8 **Effects of Glyoxalase-1 (GLO1) over-expression on cardiac function in GATA6 heterozygous mice**  
Dr. Godwin Dogbevia, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Erik Suuronen
- P-9 **Identifying the genetic determinants and autophagic forms of macrophage lipophagy**  
Mr. Garrett Fairman, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Mireille Ouimet
- P-10 **Imaging Valvular Matrix Remodeling to Predict Progression of Aortic Stenosis and CAVD**  
Mr. Gedaliah Farber, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Benjamin Rotstein
- P-11 **Wnt Signaling Inhibits T-Type Calcium Channels in Cardiomyocytes**  
Ms. Kaya Gaudet, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Wenbin Liang

- P-12 **Role of Tbx5 in proliferation and differentiation of skeletal muscle cells**  
Ms. Massomeh Sheikh-Hassani, PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Mona Nemer
- P-13 **Role of GLP-1R and GLP-2R signaling in intestinal nutrient absorption**  
Mr. Antonio Hanson, Undergraduate Student, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Erin Mulvihill
- P-14 **A collagen-based patch containing electroconductive nanogold for repair of the infarcted heart**  
Dr. Katsuhiko Hosoyama, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisors: Drs. Erik Suuronen & Emilio Alarcon
- P-15 **Absence of Heat Shock Factor-1 modulates Survival and Inflammation Post-Myocardial Infarction**  
Ms. Supriya Hota, MSc Candidate, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Peter Liu
- P-16 **Engineered modification of nanoporous gel microcapsules for optimized treatment of diseased cardiovascular tissue**  
Mr. Erik Jacques, Research Assistant, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Emilio Alarcon
- P-17 **Hepatic Inflammation and Kupffer Cell Apoptosis Stimulate Shedding of DPP4**  
Ms. Natasha Jeraj, Undergraduate Student, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Erin Mulvihill
- P-18 **Multilayered Hybrid Biomaterial for the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers**  
Ms. Caitlin Lazurko, MSc Candidate, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Emilio Alarcon
- P-19 **Clodronate-induced Kupffer Cell Apoptosis increases Circulating DPP4**  
Ms. Cassie Locatelli, Undergraduate Student, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Erin Mulvihill
- P-20 **Wnt signaling inhibits cardiac Na<sup>+</sup> current by direct and indirect suppression of Scn5a gene expression**  
Dr. Aizhu Lu, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Wenbin Liang
- P-21 **Whole-body motion correction in cardiac PET/CT using Positron Emission Tracking: a phantom validation study**  
Mr. Spencer Manwell, PhD Candidate, Carleton University  
Supervisor: Dr. Rob deKemp
- P-22 **Biomimetic photoactivated materials for tissue repair**  
Dr. Christopher McTiernan, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Emilio Alarcon
- P-23 **Remotely Activated Bio-responsive peptide based matrices for soft tissue repair**  
Dr. Marcelo Munoz, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Emilio Alarcon
- P-24 **Collagen Hydrogel Therapy Post-MI: Repeated Injections Vs One Injection**  
Ms. Justina Pupkaite, PhD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Erik Suuronen

- P-25 **Wnt Activator 6-bromoindirubin-3oxime Enhances Explant Derived Cells Proliferation and Post-Ischemic Cardiac Repair in Adult Murine Hearts**  
Ms. Ola Qassim, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Darryl Davis
- P-26 **Knockdown of the Mixed Lineage Kinase Domain-Like Protein (MLKL) Enhances Extramedullary Hematopoiesis to Increase Atherosclerosis**  
Dr. Adil Rasheed, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Katey Rayner
- P-27 **Eating Up the Plaque: Foam Cell Lipid Droplet Catabolism**  
Ms. Sabrina Robichaud, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Mireille Ouimet
- P-28 **Automated Synthesis and Validation of [<sup>18</sup>F]mFBG for Cardiac Sympathetic Denervation Imaging**  
Mr. Uzair Sayani, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Benjamin Rotstein
- P-29 **Collagen-based injectable hydrogels for treatment of myocardial infarction**  
Dr. Veronika Sedlakova, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Erik Suuronen
- P-30 **Mitochondrial fission and fusion in inflammatory macrophage polarization: role in atherosclerosis**  
Ms. Leah Susser, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisors: Drs. Katey Rayner & Mireille Khacho
- P-31 **Identification of Novel Natural Substrates of Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4 in Cardiovascular Disease**  
Ms. Natasha Aleksandra Trzaskalski, PhD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Erin Mulvihill
- P-32 **A Deletion Polymorphism in Interferon Regulatory Factor 2 Binding Protein 2 that Confers Risk for Coronary Atherosclerosis Disrupts Binding of RNA-binding Proteins Following Innate Immune Activation**  
Mr. Ragnar Vilmundarson, PhD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Alexandre Stewart
- P-33 **Wnt5a overexpression leads to action potential prolongation in adult rat cardiomyocytes**  
Mr. Jerry Wang, MSc Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Wenbin Liang
- P-34 **Beta Receptor Blockade Fails to Recover Ventricular Function Despite Increased Pre-synaptic Sympathetic Nervous System Function in Experimental Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.**  
Mr. Jason Zelt, PhD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Lisa Mielniczuk
- P-47 **GATA6-dependent Sinoatrial Node dysfunction predisposes to Atrial Fibrillation**  
Ms. Lara Gharibeh, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Mona Nemer

# Poster Presentations: Clinical Science

- P-35 **MicroRNA Biosignatures in Cardiac Allograft Vasculopathy**  
Dr. Aws Almufleh, Resident, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Sharon Chih
- P-36 **Appropriate versus inappropriate de-escalation of P2Y12 inhibitor therapy post percutaneous coronary intervention: a retrospective cohort study.**  
Dr. Quinton Barry, Resident, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Derek So
- P-37 **Measures of Aortic stiffness Central Blood Pressure and Pulsatile Arterial Load Predict Future Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Growth: Results from a Prospective Cohort Study**  
Dr. Kevin Boczar, Resident, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Thais Coutinho
- P-38 **Patient and spousal caregiver quality of life after a cardiac event and cardiac rehabilitation**  
Dr. Karen Bouchard, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Heather Tulloch
- P-39 **Do the DAPT and precise-DAPT scores provide concordant recommendations for duration of P2Y12 inhibitor treatment after percutaneous coronary intervention?**  
Dr. Rene Boudreau, Resident, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Derek So
- P-40 **Comparing Outcomes Following 1 Year of Dual Antiplatelet Therapy in Patients with High and Low PRECISE-DAPT Scores**  
Dr. Rene Boudreau, Resident, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Derek So
- P-41 **Examining the relationship between gender-role orientation and clinical outcomes in patients with coronary artery disease enrolled in cardiac rehabilitation**  
Dr. Daniele Chirico, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Reed
- P-42 **Coronary artery calcium detection using oncology 18F-FDG PET/ CT scans predicts cardiac events in cancer survivors.**  
Ms. Huda El Mais, Clinical Research Coordinator, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Gary Small
- P-43 **Evaluating the Chest Pain Evaluation Protocol at The Ottawa Hospital**  
Dr. Angel Yi Nam Fu, Resident, The Ottawa Hospital  
Supervisors: Drs. Chris Johnson & Nadine Gauthier
- P-44 **Bleeding and ischemic outcomes in patients on concurrent warfarin or direct oral anticoagulants with P2Y12 inhibitor post percutaneous coronary intervention: findings in a real world cohort**  
Dr. Angel Yi Nam Fu, Resident, The Ottawa Hospital  
Supervisor: Dr. Derek So

- P-45 **Peri-operative and long-term morbidity and mortality for elderly patients undergoing thoracic aortic surgery**  
Dr. Ming Hao Guo, Resident, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Munir Boodhwani
- P-46 **Single versus Multiple Arterial Revascularization in Patients with Reduced Renal Function: Long-Term Outcome Comparisons in 23 406 CABG patients from Ontario Canada.**  
Dr. Yukihiro Hayatsu, Clinical Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Marc Ruel
- P-48 **Sex Differences in Long-Term Survival After Major Cardiac Surgery: A Population-Based Cohort Study**  
Ms. Amy Johnston, Research Methodologist, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Louise Sun
- P-49 **Characterization of patients readmitted to the Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care Unit**  
Ms. Hanah Lamothe-Kipnes, MD Candidate, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Vynka Lash
- P-50 **Utility of In-Patient Telemetry for Subclinical Arrhythmia**  
Mr. Brennan Sai Hin Mao, MD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Calum Redpath
- P-51 **The Diagnostic Accuracy of Focused Cardiac Ultrasound: A Systematic Review & Meta-analysis**  
Dr. Jeffrey Marbach, Resident, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Benjamin Hibbert
- P-52 **Strategies to Optimize Post-Operative Atrial Fibrillation (STOP AFib) Reduces New-Onset Atrial Fibrillation in Patients Undergoing Elective Cardiac Surgery**  
Mr. Adam Merlo, MD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Diem Tran
- P-53 **Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Pilots**  
Dr. Andrew Mulloy, Resident, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Andreas Wielgosz
- P-54 **Impact of revascularization versus medical therapies on left ventricular functional recovery in patients with reduced ejection fraction and coronary artery disease: A systematic review & network meta-analysis**  
Dr. Janet Ngu, Resident, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Louise Sun
- P-55 **Device-measured physical activity sedentary behaviour and cardiometabolic health and fitness across occupational groups: a systematic review and meta-analysis**  
Dr. Stephanie Prince Ware, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Bob Reid
- P-56 **Central Hypertension in Patients with Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms Without Established Diagnosis of Hypertension: Prevalence and Association with Aneurysm Size**  
Mr. Jasjit Rooprai, MD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Thais Coutinho



- P-57 **Sex-Based Differences in Outpatient Specialist Referral Patterns of Heart Failure Patients: A Scoping Review**  
Mr. Jasjit Rooprai, MD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Louise Sun
- P-58 **Are hospital nurses in the Champlain region of Ontario at risk of not meeting Canadian strength training and aerobic physical activity guidelines?**  
Mr. Kyle Scott, PhD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisors: Drs. Jennifer Reed & Kristi Adamo
- P-59 **Does metformin therapy influence the effects of intensive lifestyle intervention? Exploring the interaction between first line therapies in the Look AHEAD trial**  
Dr. Tasuku Terada, Postdoctoral Fellow, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Reed
- P-60 **A sex-difference evaluation of an Aerobic Interval Training Cardiac Rehabilitation program in adults with heart disease**  
Ms. Sol Vidal Almela, PhD Candidate, UOHI  
Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Reed
- P-61 **Pulmonary Artery Pulsatility Index Predicts the Need for De Novo Post-Operative Renal Replacement Therapy**  
Dr. George Wharmby, Resident, University of Ottawa  
Supervisor: Dr. Louise Sun
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