



Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging
Étude longitudinale canadienne sur le vieillissement

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CLSA Tracking

Recruitment: 12,105 CCHS 4.2 names received in January 2010 from Statistics Canada

These CCHS 4.2 participants agreed to share their contact information with the CLSA and are the sampling frame for recruitment.

CLSA Live: all 4 CATI sites up and running

To date, we have invited 12075 people to participate in the CLSA. More than 4000 have now completed their 30 minute baseline interview! We will continue to recruit additional participants in the New Year.

CLSA Comprehensive

Getting started: Coordinated ethics review process – August 2010

Acting as the coordinating body, the Hamilton Health Sciences/Faculty of Health Sciences Research Ethics Board at McMaster University posted the Comprehensive protocol to the CynPhi system established by the Public Health Agency of Canada. The objective was for each of 11 ethics boards to undertake and post their own review of the protocol. McMaster agreed to collate all responses and present them to the CLSA lead investigators as a unified response. A conditional approval was received on December 3rd, 2010 with a preliminary list of requested revisions and questions. A response is in preparation.

CLSA Pilot II

A Pilot study of data collection instruments and procedures

The CLSA will be conducting the pilot study at the National Coordinating Centre (NCC) at McMaster University and the Data Collection Site (DCS) at the McGill University Health Centre. Ethics applications were submitted on November 29th (McMaster) and December 16th (McGill). The objectives of the pilot are to test the data collection instruments and processes related to the DCS and bisopecimen processing, storage and shipping. The CLSA anticipates implementing the pilot in late January 2011.

CLSA General

CLSA Website *New Look!*

Please visit our current website for new information but stay tuned for the launch of our new website – coming soon!

www.clsa-elcv.ca

CLSA CFI: McMaster completed phase 1 of finalization process!

Revised budgets and required documentation submitted for review and approval

We are currently in final stages of finalizing our CFI application. We still anticipate having our sites across Canada operational by middle of 2011. There are 11 data collection sites located in Victoria, Vancouver, Burnaby, Calgary, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Ottawa, Montreal, Sherbrooke, Halifax and St. John's. In addition to that we will have biorepository and laboratory, National coordinating Centre in Hamilton, Statistical Analysis Centre in Montreal, Genetics and epigenetics Centre in Vancouver, and 2 Computer Assisted Telephone interview Centers in Halifax and Sherbrooke.

Thank you to all of our partner institutions and administrative offices for their support in this process.

CLSA Governance

A new committee!

The CIHR recently struck the International Oversight Committee (IOC). The mandate of the IOC is to provide the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) with expert advice as well as independent ongoing oversight and evaluation of the CLSA according to internationally recognized standards of excellence for science and leadership. The committee had a face-to-face meeting this past September.

Further information about the CIHR International Oversight Committee on the CLSA can be found at:
www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/42621.html

Operations Committee-Update

Congratulations to the new chair of the Operations Committee - Andrew Wister! Many thanks, to Susan Kirkland for all her work as inaugural chair 2009-2010. Olga Kits remains the support CLSA staff for this committee.

CIHR Advisory Committee on Ethical, Legal, and Social Issues (ELSI) - Member updates

We are pleased to let you know that Susan Kirkland has accepted to replace Christina Wolfson as the CLSA member (ex officio) on the CIHR Advisory Committee on ELSI for the CLSA. Christina will continue to work with the committee to ensure a smooth transition. Many thanks, to Christina for all her support. Jennifer Uniat remains the support CLSA staff for this committee.

Details of our governance model and committees are available on our website.

CLSA Volunteer Inquiries

Have you received an e-mail from someone who wants to volunteer for the CLSA? If so, please contact Sharon Langs (langss@mcmaster.ca) for details on our procedure to respond to these requests.

CLSA Fun Corner

Join us for the CLSA online methodology seminars

The goal of the seminars is to provide experts and learners with a forum to present research and ideas related to the methods of conducting longitudinal studies such as the CLSA. The CLSA Methodology Working Group Seminars are held every six-to-eight weeks.

2010 online seminars (watch our website for future presentations)

- Dr. Michael Kobor. Epigenetics and Aging. November 30, 2010.
- Dr. Mark Oremus and Dr. Ron Postuma. Validation of Chronic Disease Ascertainment Algorithms for the CLSA, Diabetes, Parkinsonism, and Hand & Hip Osteoarthritis. October 5, 2010.

If you have any questions or if you wish to be added to the mailing list please contact Sharon Langs (langss@mcmaster.ca)

2011 will be a very special year for the CLSA and we look forward to working with you all during this very exciting time.

Best wishes for 2011,

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Christina Wolfson
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Susan Kirkland
Dalhousie

And

The CLSA Team

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