



CLSA Update

*Transforming Everyday Life
Into Extraordinary Ideas!*



Major data release underway

Alphanumeric baseline data from more than 51,000 participants are now available for use by the research community. The April 2016 release includes comprehensive physical assessment data and selected hematological biomarkers from the more than 30,000 participants who visited Data Collection Sites. Visit the CLSA [DataPreview](#) Portal for detailed information about the available data, and learn how to apply for data access [here](#).



CIHR announces \$1.2M for analysis of CLSA data

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has launched a funding opportunity, inviting researchers to submit health research projects using the currently available CLSA data. Click [here](#) for more information.



June Webinar: An Update on the CLSA

The final presentation in the 2015-16 CLSA Webinar Series will take place on June 21 at 12 noon EDT. [Advancing Opportunities for Research on Health and Aging: An Update on the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging](#) will be presented by Dr. Susan Kirkland, CLSA co-principal investigator. The presentation will include updates on the progress of the study and how the available data can be used to inform a wide range of research projects. All are welcome to attend. To register, click [here](#).



CLSA launches new website

To better meet the needs of researchers, participants and other users, the CLSA has [revamped its website](#) to include more complete information on data collection and data access. The new website features an updated [DataPreview Portal](#), with searchable summary statistics for more than 5,000 individual variables. Additional improvements to navigation and usability will now permit participants to easily [update](#) their contact information and see how the [CLSA platform is being used](#) by researchers.



Mehreen Khan



Marvi Memon

Research projects using CLSA data

CLSA data have already been used by the research community for a variety of projects:

- In February, University of Manitoba M.Sc. candidate Oksana Harasemiw successfully defended her thesis, "The Relationship Between Social Isolation, Social Support, and Mental Health," which made use of CLSA data.
- Mehreen Khan and Marvi Memon, graduates of the Master of Public Service program at the University of Waterloo, [presented findings](#) from a project using CLSA data that investigated the motivations of Canadians who return to work post-retirement. The April webinar marked the first public presentation of results from a CLSA-approved project.
- Dr. Paul Mick, a B.C. health researcher and head and neck surgeon, and Dr. Kathy Pichora-Fuller, a professor at the University of Toronto, collaborated with a team of researchers on a project that used CLSA data to explore the association between hearing and social function indicators. Results were [presented](#) at the [CLSA Webinar Series](#) in May.



Translating science into art

The CLSA was the subject of a painting exhibited as part of The Art of Science showcase at McMaster University. The artist, Anumita Chakraborty, a third-year biochemistry student, conveyed the importance of the CLSA research and the contributions of its participants in better understanding the aging process. [Read more.](#)



CLSA in the news

The work of the CLSA has been featured in various news and university media in the last few months:

- Bio Business magazine published a [cover story](#) on the CLSA, featuring Dr. Parminder Raina, lead principal investigator.
- Dr. Christina Wolfson, co-principal investigator of the CLSA, was [appointed](#) McGill's Research Integrity Officer.
- The Canada Foundation for Innovation published a [Q&A](#) with Dr. Parminder Raina.
- The CLSA's research on elder abuse was discussed in an [article](#) by the Prince George Citizen.



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