

# Centre for Cardiovascular Innovation – Centre d'Innovation Cardiovasculaire Newsletter

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### CCI-CIC RESEARCH TEAM



### MESSAGE FROM CCI-CIC DIRECTORS

Dear Colleagues,

The start of 2023 has been busy at CCI-CIC. Our team participated in the VCH Division of Cardiology Strategic Retreat held at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club in early March. The retreat brought together clinical and research faculty and staff at VCH with a common goal – improving patient care, fostering collaboration, and improving knowledge translation. CCI-CIC is looking forward to participating in the **UBC Division of Cardiology Strategic Retreat in November 2023**.

CCI-CIC supported 2 investigators this past CIHR spring cycle – Dr. Jason Andrade and UVic based Cardiac Electrophysiologist, Dr. Markus Sikkell. CCI-CIC would also like to officially welcome **Nicole Carbert** as Associate Director of Research Operations.

Finally, this edition features **Dr. Christopher Fordyce** as Investigator of the Month. Upcoming events include the ACT Consortium Meeting, the Canadian Women's Heart Health Summit, VanSCAD 2023, and the VCHRI Research Excellence Event. Busy and exciting times ahead!

**David Wood and Vishaldeep Sidhu on behalf of the CCI-CIC Operations and Advisory Committee**

### CCI-CIC INVESTIGATOR OF THE MONTH

#### Dr. Christopher Fordyce

Dr. Christopher Fordyce joined the Division of Cardiology at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in 2016 and is currently a Clinical Associate Professor. He is the Director of the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at Vancouver General Hospital and Director of Site Based Research for the UBC Centre for Cardiovascular Innovation. Following medical school at McGill University, he trained in both Internal Medicine and Cardiology at UBC. He completed a clinical research fellowship in cardiovascular disease at the Duke Clinical Research Institute as well as subspecialty training in cardiac critical care at Duke University Hospital. His clinical and research interests lie predominately in acute cardiac conditions, including acute coronary syndrome and cardiac arrest, as well as chronic coronary disease and atrial fibrillation. He also completed the Program in Clinical Effectiveness at the Harvard School of Public Health, and a Master's of Health Science in Clinical Research through the Duke School of Medicine. He was on the Primary Panel of the 2019 CCS STEMI Guidelines, was the Chair of 2020 American Heart Association Scientific Statement on Preventing Complications in the CICU, as well the Co-chair of the 2023 CCS Position Statement for Neuroprognostication following Cardiac Arrest. Dr. Fordyce is a recipient of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Health Professional-Investigator Award. He has authored over 110 peer-reviewed manuscripts, many in high-impact journals such as *Circulation*, the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, *JAMA Cardiology* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*. He serves on the Editorial Board of the *American Heart Journal*.



## VCH Research Retreat



*CCI-CIC participated in the VCH Division of Cardiology Retreat on March 4, 2023. CCI-CIC looks forward to participating in the **UBC Division of Cardiology Retreat** this November!*

*The retreat was a huge success – thank you to everyone who participated!*



## Welcome New Associate Director, Research Operations



We are pleased to officially welcome Nicole Carbert as Associate Director, Research Operations at CCI-CIC. Nicole was previously the Research Manager in the Division of Cardiology and is looking forward to stepping into her new role at CCI-CIC!

## CIHR Competition – Spring 2023

CCI-CIC supported 2 investigators this spring cycle:

- Dr. Markus Sikkil, UVic based Cardiac Electrophysiologist
- Dr. Jason Andrade



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ACT Canada First Annual Consortium Meeting

April 17-19, 2023  
Hamilton, ON



### Canadian Woman's Heart Health Summit

April 28-29, 2023  
Pan Pacific Hotel  
Vancouver, BC



### VanSCAD 2023

May 6-7, 2023  
VGH & Virtual  
Vancouver, BC



### VCHRI – Celebrating 20 Years of Research Excellence Event

May 9, 2023  
VGH



## CCI-CIC RECENT PUBLICATIONS

CCI-CIC PUBLICATIONS (DECEMBER 2022 – FEBRUARY 2023): <https://cci-cic.org/recent-publications/>