There has been much attention in the media of late about the opioid epidemic. Perhaps at first glance this looks like an issue removed from psychiatry. However, my research with Dr. Trevor Corneil, Clinical Professor for the UBC School of Public Health, shows otherwise. Over the last three years we have been examining BC Coroner files, MSP data, and Pharmanet prescription information to identify risk factors.
November 25, 2014

Dr. Raymond Lam of the UBC Mood Disorders Program is looking to supervise residents interested in clinical research focused on depression in the workplace. Working with Depression is a clinical research program located in the Mood Disorders Centre at the University of British Columbia (UBC).

RESIDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Working with Depression: A Clinical Research Program for Workplace Depression

Our data makes clear that psychiatrists have a role in mitigating harm at the patient and population health level.

Our data has provided the impetus for regional and provincial health alerts in an attempt to immediately reduce harm, and for the home naloxone program in Interior Health. I presented my preliminary findings at our research day two years ago, and will present an update at the Academy of Psychosomatic Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in November. I look forward to the final stages of our work and the potential for collaboration with other stakeholders. Moreover, I have recently been offered a fellowship position in Addictions Medicine through the Saint Paul’s Hospital Goldcorp program and am looking forward to starting next year in July.

CPA Junior Research Colloquium
The Canadian Psychiatric Association has launched an annual CPA Junior Investigator Research Colloquium, and the inaugural full day workshop took place in Toronto on September 11th, 2014. The Colloquium provides guidance, mentorship and encouragement to young investigators in the early phases of their training.

Junior investigators, including two representatives from UBC (Alexander McGirr and Kawai Leong), had the opportunity to meet with leaders from across the country that included Raymond Lam (UBC), Jitender Sareen (UofManitoba), Glenda MacQueen (UofCalgary), Philip Tibbo (Dalhousie), Simon Hatch (UofOttawa) and Roger Bland (UofAlberta). This intimate event involved plenary sessions about career development, as well as the opportunity to present and discuss their research in a small group format.

Interested residents should consider applying to next year’s Colloquium! The application deadline has not been announced yet but we will let you know once it is.

For more info please visit: [http://www.cpa-apc.org/browse/documents/365](http://www.cpa-apc.org/browse/documents/365)
Recent Achievements

Residents Who Recently Published in a Peer Reviewed Journal

Alexander McGirr (PGY3)-

McGirr A, Berlim MT. *A comment on Fond and colleagues’ systematic review and meta-analysis of ketamine in the treatment of depressive disorders.* Psychopharmacology (Berl) 2014 Sep 2. [Epub ahead of print].


Verena Strehlau (PGY2)-


Andrew Perrin (PGY2)-

**Recent Presentations**

**Julius Elefante (PGY3)**-


**Alexander McGirr (PGY 3)**-

McGirr, A. (October, 2014) *Effectiveness of Accelerated Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) for Treatment-Resistant Major Depressive Disorder.* Oral presentation at the 16th Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Scientific Meeting in Vancouver, Canada, October 5-7, 2014.

**Verena Strehlau (PGY 2)**-