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CANADIAN BASED PAIN MANAGEMENT NETWORK RECEIVES MAJOR FUNDING FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

April 29, 2019, Ottawa – The federal government has announced a $1.6-million grant, over four years, for Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP), a new knowledge mobilization network to improve children’s pain management in Canada and around the world.

“Children experience pain that is preventable and undertreated,” said Dr. Christine Chambers, children’s pain researcher and SKIP’s Scientific Director. “This grant will be a game-changer for children in pain and their families as it will ensure that our research findings get out of the medical journals and into the hands of people who can use them.”

SKIP will be based at Dalhousie University and will include more than 100 Canadian and international partners working together to put evidence-based solutions to child pain into practice. SKIP will have three main hospital hubs: the IWK Health Centre, the Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) (Toronto), and Stollery Children’s Hospital (Edmonton), and a 4th hub at Children’s Health Care Canada (Ottawa). Dr. Chambers and Doug Maynard (Children’s Healthcare Canada) are grant co-leads.

“Canada is a global leader in children’s pain research, yet our children are not benefitting from this,” said Maynard. “We look forward to working through SKIP to engage researchers, patients, families, clinicians and health administrators to ensure our children receive the best care possible, and that includes the best possible pain management.”

SKIP is adopting a “Patients Included” approach to its network activities, with patients and caregivers embedded at all levels, including management and governance.

“As a mother of a little girl who went through countless painful procedures, I wish I had known more about how to manage her pain and what could have been done so that she wouldn’t have suffered. Instinctively, I felt it could have been better, but it didn’t seem that anyone took the time to consider how Kate was being impacted. SKIP recognizes the valuable contribution that children, youth, and their parents can make to improving solutions for kids in pain”, said Julie Drury, an Ottawa-based patient partner serving on the SKIP Board of Directors.

Adam Fleurimond of Gatineau, Quebec says, “I have had chronic pain since I was diagnosed with Sickle Cell Disease at the age of 5 years old. I am now 13 and the best help I received was from the Team of Chronic Pain Specialists that we have supported me at CHEO. If I could 'skip' the pain, it would be my dream come through! I am so glad that more kids like me will have more help.”
A launch event for SKIP in Ottawa is being hosted by Senator Colin Deacon on April 30th, providing opportunities for the SKIP team to engage with MPs and Senators and share SKIP’s innovative approach to knowledge mobilization.

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CANADIAN BASED PAIN MANAGEMENT NETWORK RECEIVES MAJOR FUNDING FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

April 22, 2019, Toronto – The federal government has announced a $1.6-million grant, over four years, for Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP), a new knowledge mobilization network to improve children’s pain management in Canada and around the world.

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The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) will be one of four main SKIP hubs. Dr. Fiona Campbell and Dr. Bonnie Stevens, co-directors of the SickKids Pain Centre, will lead the SKIP hub at SickKids.

“Acute pain in children can lead to chronic pain; a devastating disease associated with high rates of anxiety, depression and even suicide,” said Dr. Campbell. “I am confident that SKIP will be transformative in improving the lives of children with pain and the Pain Centre at SickKids is excited to help lead this change.”

SKIP will include more than 100 Canadian and international partners working together to put evidence-based solutions to child pain into practice.

SKIP’s expansive network of experts will use their skills to promote leading-edge pain research from academic institutions like SickKids with front-line healthcare practitioners across the country,” said Dr. Stevens.

The IWK Health Centre (Halifax), Stollery Children’s Hospital (Edmonton), and Children’s Health Care Canada (Ottawa) will also serve as SKIP hubs. Dr. Chambers and Doug Maynard (Children’s Healthcare Canada) are grant co-leads.

“Canada is a global leader in children’s pain research, yet our children are not benefitting from this,” said Maynard. “We look forward to working through SKIP to engage researchers, patients, families, clinicians and health administrators to ensure our children receive the best care possible, and that includes the best possible pain management.”

An official SKIP launch will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd at the Isabel Bader Theatre in Toronto from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The event is hosted by the Ontario Brain Institute. Media are invited to attend.
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HALIFAX BASED PAIN MANAGEMENT NETWORK RECEIVES MAJOR FUNDING FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

April 17, 2019, Halifax – The federal government has announced a $1.6-million grant, over four years, for Solutions for Kids in Pain (SKIP), a new knowledge mobilization network to improve children’s pain management in Canada and around the world.

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SKIP will be based at Dalhousie University and will include more than 100 Canadian and international partners working together to put evidence-based solutions to child pain into practice.

“Dalhousie is incredibly proud to host one of the newest Networks of Centres of Excellence, SKIP,” said Dr. Alice Aiken, Dalhousie University’s Vice President, Research and Innovation. “The world-class work being done will help ensure we have healthier Canadians through better pain management for children.”

SKIP will have four main hubs: the IWK Health Centre, SickKids (Toronto), Stollery (Edmonton), and Children’s Health Care Canada (Ottawa). Dr. Chambers and Doug Maynard (Children’s Healthcare Canada) are grant co-leads.

“Canada is a global leader in children’s pain research, yet our children are not benefitting from this,” said Maynard. “We look forward to working through SKIP to engage researchers, patients, families, clinicians and health administrators to ensure our children receive the best care possible, and that includes the best possible pain management.”

Twenty-two-year-old Halifax native, Katherine Dib, began experiencing chronic pain after a car accident. “As a 15-year-old high school student I didn’t understand why I had chronic pain or what options were out there. It was a long journey to get the treatment I needed. SKIP will help children and their families suffer less.”

SKIP’s activities and outcomes will be guided by a diverse and experienced Board. “Solutions are known and available,” said SKIP Board Chair, Dr. Judith Hall. “We owe it to our children to put them into action. I am so honoured to be part of a network that will increase awareness and put the solutions into practice.”

An official SKIP launch will be held on Thursday, April 18th from 6-8pm at Volta in Halifax. Media are invited to attend.
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