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CST Pediatric Group Annual

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Meeting 2024



Message from the Chair

It has been another great year for the pediatric CST group, the highlight of which was our annual pediatric AGM in Montreal. This year we hosted our first ever offsite dinner at Bar George (recommended by Camille and Michel) which was a huge success. Doctor Paganelli gave an excellent talk on "Liver tissue engineering: adding a new dimension to the study and treatment of liver disease" which generated great discussion. Over dinner we had the opportunity to elect many new members to our board and we were almost able to secure a full executive board at that session! The only missing position is still the chair elect, so if any of you are interested please feel free to reach out.

We are grateful to Michel, Julie and Blayne for their service on the committee. 2025 will see us continue with our education sessions, we are sponsoring a session at IPTA in Berlin in September of 2025. We will try to put the first parts of our strategic plan into place with a large focus on trying to increase our membership across all allied health fields in the pediatric transplant realm. Our unifying goal continues to be to improve transplant care for our pediatric patients across Canada and we look forward to continuing to work towards this. We wish you a safe and joyful holiday season and a happy new year from the entire CST pediatric committee.

Current Education Initiatives

National patient and family kidney transplant education guide.

- Developed 3 patient/family information documents:
- Supported academic & research initiatives/activities nationally
- Letter of support for TACKLE-IT trial - Acute rejection in kidney transplant patients CIHR Fall grant competition 2024
- Collaborative work with CBS, CIHI and CDTRP for pediatric donation and transplant outcomes initiatives

New Members

Camille Laroche, CHU Sainte-Justine, Member-at-Large
Caroline Lemoine, CHU Sainte-Justine, Member-at-Large
Yasmeen Mansoor, SickKids, Member-at-Large
Myriam Carlos, Montreal Children's Hospital, Allied Health Member-at-Large

Upcoming events

13th Congress of the International Pediatric Transplant Association
September 18-21, 2025 - Berlin, Germany

TRAINNE ABSTRACT AWARD

Basic Science:

Tate Erickson
University of Alberta



Enzymatic blood group conversion in a mouse model of ABO-incompatible Transplantation. This research work was done under the supervision of Dr Lori West at The Stollery Children's Hospital, Edmonton.

Clinical Science:

Camille La Roche
Fellow at BC Children's Hospital



Urinary IL-6: One Step Closer to Resistant Rejection Identification. This research work was done under the supervision of Dr Tom Blydt-Hansen at BC Children's Hospital, Vancouver.

