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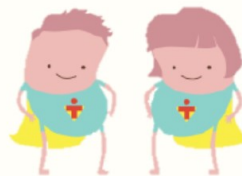
## PEDIATRIC TRANSPLANT EDUCATION ADVOCATE



### Julie Strong, RN

Julie is the recipient coordinator for the Transplant Manitoba-Pediatric Kidney Program at the Children's Hospital, Health Sciences Center in Winnipeg. She also is a member of the CST Education Committee. She has worked in all areas of nephrology but found her passion in kidney transplant. Julie has a special interest in the development of educational materials and the facilitation of learning for children, youth and families

experiencing CKD and moving to transplant. Along with colleagues at the Children's Hospital, she developed and launched the Kidney Twins© CKD educational materials and completed a pre-transplant educational program. Julie's passion for transplant education and the phenomenal resource for Manitoba has led to a national initiative to create transplant education resources available to all pediatric transplant recipients and families in collaboration with Canadian Blood Services. The resources can be found at: <https://www.cann-net.ca/patient-information/educational-tools#healthy-kidneys>



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 17th Congress of the Intestinal Rehabilitation and Transplant Association

Auckland, New Zealand and Virtual  
June 30-July 2, 2021

View the website [here](#).

### CST Transplant Fellows Symposium and Special Interest Groups Conference

September 22-24, 2021

View the website [here](#).

### Society of Paediatric Liver Transplantation Annual Meeting

September 30-October 1, 2021

View the website [here](#).

### CST Virtual Transplant Summit

October 6-8, 2021

View the website [here](#).

### 5th International Living Donor Liver Transplantation Congress

Brussels, Belgium

October 15-16, 2021

Watch their website [here](#).

### 11th Congress of the International Pediatric Transplant Association

Prague, Czech Republic

March 26-29, 2022

View the website [here](#).

### 29th International Congress of the TTS

Buenos Aires, Argentina

September 10-14, 2022

View the website [here](#).

## Upcoming Election

THE CST PEDIATRIC GROUP  
EXECUTIVE WILL BE ACCEPTING  
NOMINATIONS THIS FALL



# save the date

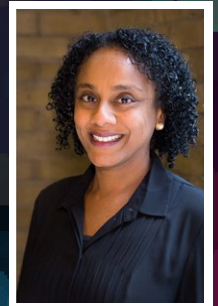
CST Pediatric Group Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm EST**

Keynote Speaker: Lisa A. Robinson, MD, FRCP(C), FASN

She will be presenting on the topic of diversity and inclusion in pediatric transplantation

Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Institute of Medical Science,  
Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto  
Pediatric Nephrologist, The Hospital for Sick Children  
Senior Scientist, Program in Cell Biology, The Hospital for  
Sick Children Research Institute



## 2021 TRAINEE ABSTRACT COMPETITION

### Applications for the 2021 Canadian Transplant Summit Abstract Competition are now being accepted.

One of the missions of the CST Pediatric Group is to encourage trainee participation in clinical and basic science research in the field of pediatric transplantation.

**Prizes Available:** Up to 2 prizes will be awarded by the CST Pediatric Group for the best trainee **pediatric abstracts** submitted to the 2021 CST Virtual Canadian Transplant Summit.

**Adjudication process:** All abstracts will be reviewed and scored by the CST Pediatric Group Executive committee members and/or invited expert reviewers. Abstract reviewers will be blinded to the author's name. Abstract score from the general CST meeting abstract review will be available to the pediatric award review committee. The committee will be asked to consider relevance to pediatrics and scientific merit and will score and rank each abstract according to a standard scoring strategy. A minimum acceptable score will be set in order for the abstract to be eligible for the prizes. The two top ranked abstracts (one in the basic science category and one in the clinical category) will be awarded \$250.00 each. If there is no submitted abstract in the category that meets the minimum acceptable score, no prize will be awarded in that category.

#### **Eligibility:**

- Eligible candidates are trainees in the field of pediatric transplantation, at the undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate levels. Medical students, medical and surgical residents and fellows, basic scientists in training, and allied health trainees are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must be members of the CST (Trainee membership fee is \$50)
- Applicants' research supervisor must be a current member of the CST (though does not need to be a pediatric member)
- Abstract must have pediatric relevance

#### **Application process for the Pediatric Trainee Research Award**

You must apply using the [Abstract submission portal](#) on the CST website and indicate in the appropriate section that your abstract be considered for the Pediatric Trainee Abstract Award. Abstract submission information is available at: [2021 CST Virtual Fall Forum Abstract Submission Page](#)

The application deadline is **July 26, 2021**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



The CST Peds Group would like to recognize Canadian members on international committees. Thank you for representing our nation and pediatric transplantation!

### **IPTA Allied Health & Nursing Professionals Committee**

**Co-Chair: Jenny Wichart**

Pharmacist, Alberta Children's Hospital, Calgary

**Co-Chair: Anna Gold**

Neuropsychologist, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto

#### **Members:**

Caroline Piotrowski, Winnipeg

Catherine Patterson,  
Toronto

Ashley Graham, Toronto

Robin Deliva, Toronto



### **IPTA Council**

**Councilor: Louise Bannister**

Dietitian, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto

**Councilor: Tom Blydt-Hansen**

Pediatric Nephrologist, BC Children's Hospital,  
Vancouver **\*Newly Elected—Congrats!\***



### **Intestinal Rehabilitation & Transplant Association**

Intestinal Rehabilitation & Transplant  
ASSOCIATION

**Councilor: Yaron Avitzur**

Pediatric Gastroenterologist, The  
Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto

### **Society of Pediatric Liver Transplantation**

**Past-President: Vicky Ng**

Pediatric Gastroenterologist, The Hospital for  
Sick Children, Toronto



Canadian Society of Transplantation

## **PEDIATRIC EDUCATION SERIES**

# **HLA for the Pediatric Transplant Clinician**

**Dr. Christine Ribic MD, MSc, FRCPC**

Associate Professor, Division of Nephrology, McMaster University

**June 23, 2021 - 7 pm EST**  
via Zoom

[Click here to register](#)

## **IN SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES**

The CST Pediatric Group continues to stand in solidarity with Indigenous communities across Canada, in recognition of the painful and tragic loss of the 215 children found buried at the site of the former Kamloops Residential School in British Columbia along with the countless other children lost while attending residential schools across Canada. There is no place for the inequities that this community has endured. We remain committed to creating a culturally safe environment for our Indigenous population through equitable care and advocacy. Every Child Matters.



Questions, comments, or to submit anything for future publications, please email:

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To remove your name from our mailing list, please [click here](#)

We'd like to take this opportunity to highlight achievements and Canadian pediatric transplant news with links to the online articles and resources. If you know of something you would like included, please [email us!](#)

### [Order of Canada Series: Transplanted into History –U of A clinician-scientist appointed Order of Canada for pioneering infant heart transplantation](#)

**Dr. Lori West challenged the idea that infants required compatible blood types for heart transplants**

Lori West

### [Dr. Bethany Foster appointed Chair, Department of Pediatrics, McGill University and Pediatrician-in-Chief, McGill University Health Centre](#)

**We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Bethany Foster to the positions of Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, McGill University, and Pediatrician-in-Chief of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC).**

Bethany Foster

### [Pediatric heart transplant method developed by U of A doctors allows for more surgeries, better outcomes: study](#)

**Blood type-incompatible heart transplant surgery for infants under the age of two pioneered in Canada, now used worldwide.**

Simon Urschel

### [SickKids program reaches milestone with 1,000 kidney transplants and counting](#)

**The Kidney Transplant Program has reached a significant milestone with its 1,000th paediatric kidney transplant performed at SickKids. Medical Director Dr. Chia Wei Teoh and Surgical Director Dr. Armando Lorenzo share their reflections on the continued medical advances of kidney transplantation over the years.**

Chia Wei Teoh and Armando Lorenzo

### [Guidance from the CST Paediatric Group](#)

**Frequently Asked Questions About Safe School Attendance for Children (<18 years old) with Solid Organ Transplants during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Guidance from the Canadian Society of Transplantation Paediatric Group**

Chia Wei Teoh, Ana Catalina Alvarez-Elias, Anne Dipchand, Melinda Soloman, Vicky Ng, Allison Carroll, Catherine Burton, Tom Blydt-Hansen, Kathryn Armstrong, Hana Mijovic, Marie-Michele Gaudreault-Tremblay, Aviva Goldberg, Michelle Ruhl, Lorraine Hamiwka

### [CSN COVID-19 Rapid Response Team: Paediatric Kidney Transplant](#)

**Management of Paediatric Kidney Transplant Patients during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Guidance from the Canadian Society of Transplantation Paediatric Group**

Chia Wei Teoh and Lorraine Hamiwka

### [Improving Viral Management for Pediatric Transplant Recipients](#)

**Pediatric transplant recipients do not currently receive certain vaccines post-transplant as experts have deemed the live vaccines (including chicken pox, measles, mumps and rubella) to be a potential risk of infection. This leaves those children completely vulnerable in case of an outbreak in the community. A change in vaccination knowledge and guidelines for pediatric transplant recipients would ensure these kids would be protected, as well as eliminating the anxiety and stress for children and families.**

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