



September 27th & 28th, 2013

Crowne Plaza, Niagara Falls, 5685 Falls Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario, L2E 6W7

IS IT TIME TO RETIRE THE RANDOMIZED TRIAL?

This symposium will explore whether or not the evolution of observational research methods for making fair-comparisons on the one hand and the mushrooming ethical, logistical, and financial barriers to performing RCT's on the other, have finally tipped the balance. Drawing speakers and panelists from international, continental and local centres of excellence, we will present the issues, arguments, and counter-arguments in open plenary sessions, and provide plenty of times and places for their informal exploration and debate.

Sessions on randomized clinical trials, observational studies and where the twain shall meet:

- Past successes
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Potential achievements
- Problems and concerns
- New perspectives and solutions

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Physicians, Specialists, Researchers, Students, Residents, Clinical Trialists, Observationalists, Health Research Methodologists, Health Policy Decision Makers, Diagnosticians, Clinical-practice Guidelines Formulators.

AT THE END OF THIS SYMPOSIUM THE PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Understand the strengths, limitations and appropriate use of randomized trials & observational studies
- Move forward the field of research in the context of comparative effectiveness research

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:

Donald Berry	University of Texas
John Concato	Yale University
PJ Devereaux	McMaster University
Susan Ellenberg	University of Pennsylvania
Dean Follmann	US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Steven Goodman	Stanford University
David Henry	Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES)
Ralph Horwitz	GlaxoSmithKline & Yale University (Emeritus)
Malcolm Macleod	University of Edinburgh
Klim McPherson	University of Oxford
Donald Redelmeier	Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
David Sackett	McMaster University (Emeritus)
Holger Schünemann	McMaster University
Stan Shapiro	McGill University
Robert Temple	U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA)
Peter Tugwell	University of Ottawa
Sean Tunis	Center for Medical Technology Policy (CMTP)
Jan Vandembroucke	Universiteit Leiden
Michael Walsh	McMaster University
Salim Yusuf	McMaster University

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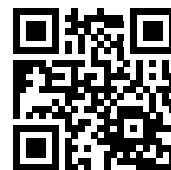
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