

## UTOPIAN Primary Care Trials Group – Session 11 *Minutes*

Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Zoom teleconference

**Attendance:**

Andrew Pinto (AP) – Chair	Luca Pisterzi (LP)
Aashka Bhatt (AB)	Deepti Pasricha (DP)
Giles Pereira (GP)	Carolyn Steele Gray (CSG)
Rahim Moineddin (RM)	
Braden Gregory O'Neill (BGO)	
Michelle Greiver (MG)	
Sumeet Kalia (SK)	
Noah Ivers (NI)	
Noah Crampton (NC)	
Chris Meaney (CM)	
Joanna King (JK)	
Peter Selby (PS)	
Eva Grunfeld (EG)	
Ross Upshur (RU)	
Jennifer Rayner (JR)	
Peter Juni (PJ)	
Rosemarie Lall (RL)	
Bernard Le Foll (BF)	
Donatus Mutasingwa (DM)	
Tony D'Urzon (TD)	

**Regrets:**

Payal Agarwal (PA)	Tara Kiran (TK)
Marjan Moeinedin (MM)	
Abhimanyu Sud (AS)	
Sheila Dunn (SD)	
Ann Burchell (AB)	
Stephanie Terenzi (ST)	

Item	Topic	Minutes	Action	Responsible
1	Introductions (Andrew Pinto)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrew Pinto introduced those present on the phone</li> </ul>		
2	Review and approval of Dec 3,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by those present</li> </ul>	Approved	All

	2020 draft meeting minutes (All)			
3	Recapping 2020 and Goals for 2021 (Andrew Pinto)	<p><b>Objectives of Primary Care Trials Network:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To support primary care providers who conceive an intervention (emerging from real-world clinical work) to test it rigorously using an RCT design as PI</li> <li>• To support primary care providers be thoughtful site investigators for RCTs</li> <li>• To build a community of practice, and ultimately create more efficient and effective research</li> </ul> <p><b>Recap of 2020:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly meetings, combining education, guests and discussing trial ideas</li> <li>• Very consistent network of colleagues, leading to collaborations (e.g. COVID related projects and proposals) – usually DFCM with some guests from NORTHH and AOHC</li> <li>• Response to COVID-19: gradually sorted out trials and linkage to studies</li> <li>• Defining PI and Site PI responsibilities</li> <li>• Defining readiness</li> </ul> <p><b>Goals for 2021:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Network growth: Ontario and beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete an assessment of each UTOPIAN site and divide into “ready” or “in development” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work with site leadership re: the importance of engaging in research</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reach out to POPLAR network members</li> <li>• Reach out to colleagues in other provinces, building on PIHCIN programmatic grant sites</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Education/training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing invitation to guests to present/give rounds</li> <li>• 2 articles for Annals of Family Medicine</li> <li>• Start to record short talks (e.g. how to write a CIHR grant for RCT)</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Network Growth: Linkage with other clinical trials networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recent experience with call for “Network of Clinical Trial Networks” by CIHR</li> <li>• Strategically, begin to form connections with other clinical trial networks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Critical Care Trial Network</li> <li>○ CTN (HIV, STI, blood borne diseases)</li> <li>○ Canadian Cancer Clinical Trials Network</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol>		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Canadian Nephrology Trials Network</li> </ul>		
4	<p>Presentation: Engaging primary care centres in clinical trials: challenges and solutions (Andrew Pinto)</p>	<p><b>Engaging Primary Care Centres:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Typologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sites attached to academic centres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fully embedded (e.g. SMH)</li> <li>▪ Partial connection (e.g. NY FHT)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Community Health Centres/NP led clinics/ACAC</li> <li>○ Large FHTs/FHOs not connected to academic centres</li> <li>○ Small centres</li> <li>○ Solo-GP practices</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Engaging Primary Care Centres: Challenges and Solutions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “We (primary care) don’t do research” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus on primary care spaces for learning &amp; innovation</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lack of research training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase support for research training</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lack of experience, or negative experience (e.g. RAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PGY1 screening for research interest</li> <li>○ Change RAP years</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lack of dedicated time (health providers &amp; other staff) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grant funding to purchase time</li> <li>○ Judicious use of locum coverage</li> </ul> </li> <li>• “Helicopter research” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Returning to sites ongoing (1/yr)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bureaucracy &amp; not familiar with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ethics</li> <li>○ Data Sharing Agreements</li> <li>○ Contracts &amp; finances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ UTOPIAN /Ontario PBLN Staff Support</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.				
Next meeting: February 25, 2021; 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (virtual)				