Welcome

The Canadian Initiative on Frailty and Aging sought to improve the understanding of the causes and trajectory of frailty, promoted wellness and improved the quality of health care and life for older Canadians. Goals of the Initiative included proposing a research program on frailty, and developing policy recommendations for decision makers and intervention guidelines for health care professionals.

In 2003, the Max Bell Foundation awarded the Canadian Initiative on Frailty and Aging a four year grant. Other sources of support included the Gustav Levinschi Foundation, the Institute of Aging (CIHR) and the Québec Research Network (FRSQ) as well as various partner research groups and organizations across Canada and Europe.

The Initiative was developed in close collaboration with colleagues in Europe, Israel and Japan. It was closely linked to the emerging Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) and the associated Quebec population study supported by the Quebec Research Network in Aging. Links were established with the developing National Institute on Aging / American Geriatrics Society frailty initiative.

The Initiative was originally launched under the auspices of the Dr. Joseph Kaufmann Chair in Geriatric Medicine, McGill University and the Solidage Research Group.

Publications


Développement d’un cadre de travail pour comprendre et étudier la fragilité - Gérontologie et Société - n° 109 - juin 2004

Développement d’un cadre de travail pour comprendre et étudier la fragilité - Original French Article

Developing a Working Framework for Understanding Frailty - English translation

Supplement entitled The Canadian Initiative on Frailty and Aging, published by the journal Aging Clinical and Experimental Research, June 2003, contains an extensive discussion paper prepared by Hogan et al. on behalf of the Steering Committee of the Canadian Initiative on Frailty and Aging. Entitled Models, definitions, and criteria of frailty, the discussion paper provides the foundation for the systematic literature review. The guest editors of the special issue are D.B. Hogan, C. MacKnight, and H. Bergman.