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MNI Killam Lecture – Alex Chester, NIH.

Alex Chester, Senior Investigator, Section on Sensory Cells and Circuits, at NCCIH/NIH, will be giving the Killam Lecture next Tuesday, May 4th, 2021, at 4pm He will be speaking on ***“molecules and cells for touch and pain”***. He will also be talking about ***“how a rare disease is transforming our understanding of mechanosensation”*** the next morning, May

5th, at 8:30am for Neurology Grand Rounds.

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Mary Ann Fitzcharles interviewed in a piece on telehealth and its future in the treatment of chronic pain.

[Medpage Today](#), Judy George, 26 Apr 2021, “Will Telehealth shape the future of pain care?”

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[Multi-ethnic GWAS and meta-analysis of sleep quality identify MPP6 as a novel gene](#)

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which means a lot of flashy things you might see elsewhere might not be possible on our site. .

In the near future, we will open a data management system to collate your comments, suggestions, and error reports, in a centralized manager. Please enjoy the new site and hold off on your comments for now.

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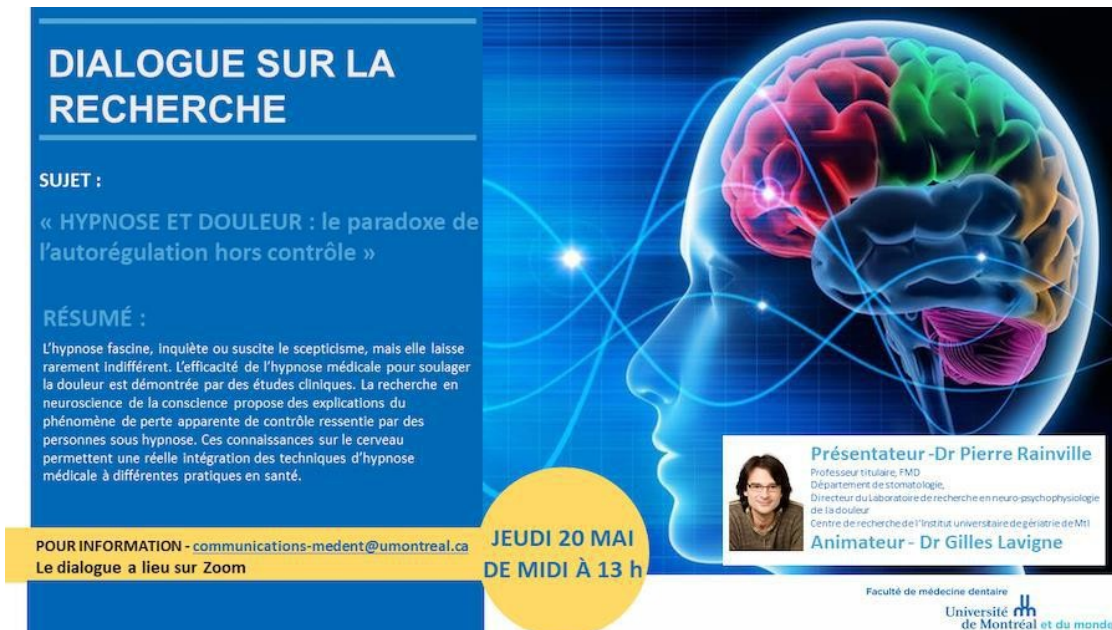
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Ordre des infirmières et infirmiers du Québec Awards Ceremony

Congratulations go out to Celine Gélinas on being [recognized](#) for her work in "Nursing education and research" by the OIIQ in their 2021 Florence Awards ceremony.

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Recent grant results

Our congratulations go out to our members on their recent successful applications to provincial granting programs:

- QPRN pilot project competition: Philippe Seguela, Comprehensive cell atlas of mouse, monkey and human DRG using single-nucleus RNAseq
- FRQ Grant competition: Reza Sharif-Naeini, Étude des bases moléculaires

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2) Journal Club

The Journal Club has completed its scheduled activities for the year. Keep watch here for news about the new schedule.

3) **Frontiers in Pain Research**

The Frontiers in Pain has completed its scheduled activities for the year. Keep watch [here](#) for news about the new schedule.

4) **Other Lectures of Interest**

Melzack Pain Lecture Series (AEPMU):

Jordi Perez MD, PhD, FIPP

"Central Sensitization, practical tips for pain clinicians"

May 26 2021 – 16:00 to 17:00



Jordi Perez is an anesthesiologist specialist in pain management. He graduated in

Medicine and then Anesthesiology in Barcelona, Spain and pursued a career as pain clinician after a two-year combined research and clinical pain fellowship at McGill. He obtained his PhD with

a research on dietary modifications and experimental neuropathic pain. He has practiced pain medicine in Spain and England before rejoining McGill in 2012.

He is currently Associate professor of Anesthesia at McGill University, is Associate Medical Director of the Alan Edwards Pain Management Unit and Director of the MUHC Cancer Pain Program.

As member of the McGill University Research Institute and the Alan Edwards Centre for Research on Pain, his research interest include cancer pain management, interventional procedures for the relief drug resistant pain and the role of methadone as alternative opioid analgesic for pain management.

Register in advance for this talk [HERE](#)

Watch previous lectures [here](#)

5) **Upcoming Student Seminars**

Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Banting PDF competition has now opened. This is for **start dates in Sept 2022**. These are highly competitive and aim to recruit top-tier Canadian and international postdoctoral researchers at an internationally competitive level of funding. The fellowships are valued at \$70K/year for two years and just 70 new fellowships are awarded annually.

Prospective Banting applicants who wish to hold the award at the Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences must note the following:

- The Faculty conducts a two-step internal review to pre-select its candidates for the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships competition: 1) pre-applications, and 2) full applications.
- All prospective applicants must submit their pre-application at the online application site.
- The deadline for submitting pre-applications is May 31, 2021 at 9:00am
- All application guidelines are detailed at the Faculty's Banting website (<https://mcgill.ca/x/oaf>) and the Banting website (<https://banting.fellowships-bourses.gc.ca/en/home-accueil.html>).

IASP Pain Research Forum Virtual Correspondents Program

If you are interested in developing your skills in communicating science to a broad audience? You should consider applying to this program. It has a good track record, as it enters its 4th cycle of operating, and, if you complete the entire program successfully, they will give you a \$500US honorarium. For more information or to register, visit their [website](#). The deadline to apply is June 7th, 2021.

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6) Upcoming Events

QPRN Travel Awards now open

And they are not just for real world travel anymore: online conferencing is supported by this initiative, so give it some thought. The submission deadline is June 14th, and eligible activities must occur between August 1st, 2021 and January 31st, 2022. For more information, visit their [website](#) and look at "Competition 2".

Commercializing Innovation in Regenerative Medicine: Concept to Launch

Despite the title, this is about commercialization of academic discoveries within the realities of Canada's system. The meeting is organized by the Centre for Commercialization of Regenerative Medicine (CCRM), in collaboration with the McGill Regenerative Medicine Network (MRM Network) and the Office of Innovation and Partnerships at McGill University, will be co-hosting a special webinar on Wednesday, June 9, at 11 a.m. Researchers, clinicians and trainees are invited to attend.

Robin Quirk and Vishan Sivagnanam will introduce CCRM's unique company creation and incubation programs, provide an overview of its capabilities and services, and highlight important criteria for consideration when developing a commercialization plan.

Drs. Michel Tremblay and Corinne Hoesli from the MRM Network, and Dr. Olivia Novac from the Office of Innovation and Partnerships, will discuss the commercialization services available to researchers.

Following the webinar, attendees can schedule a free consultation with experts at CCRM and McGill to discuss their inventions.

To register, visit the Eventbrite [website](#) using coded "CCRM2021".

Summer Institute in Innovation Methodologies

This year's program includes courses on "Meta-Analysis of Clinical and Basic Science Research" (July 5-21) and "Mixed Methods in Health Research" (June 21-july 9th). Registration deadlines are June 30th and 16th, respectively. Register by May 30th to take advantage of the early bird discount!

For more information and to register, visit their [website](#).

QPRN Spotlight on the New Generation – now open

This popular science competition has once again been initiated by QPRN. It is open to trainees who are interested in promoting their research in a popularly accessible style via video. And you only have 3 minutes in which to do it. That's it. Are you up for the challenge?

If you think you are, check out the details on their [website](#)! The top prize is \$500. The deadline to apply is June 7th.

PAINTalks applications are now open!

Every year, the QNJPI runs a public event, PAINTalks, in the fall. The meeting is set up as a series of TEDtalk like events. This is an excellent opportunity for trainees to learn something about public speaking and about communicating their science to the general public. If you would like to know more about the event, or if you would like to participate as a speaker, visit the QNJPI [website](#). Applications to participate are open until June 7th, 2021, so don't delay, apply today!

CRIR Scientific Congress

The Centre de recherche Interdisciplinaire en réadaptation du Montreal métropolitain (CRIR) is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a Congress: Catalyst of Innovation for Tomorrow's Rehabilitation on June 7-9, 2021. It is an online/virtual meeting. [Registration](#) is required. For more information about the meeting, consult their [website](#).

IASP 2022 – Call for Proposals

The 2022 World Congress on Pain is scheduled for Sept 19-23, 2022 in Toronto. Open calls for proposals for the meeting, specifically for the [Refresher Courses](#) and

[Hands-on Workshops](#), have now been issued. Deadlines for submission are June 28th, 2021.

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7) **Career/Job Opportunities**

Sharif-Naeini Lab – PDF openings

Reza is currently looking for postdocs for his lab, particularly one on the Molecular bases of sensory impairment in neurodevelopmental disorders. The position, in the research groups of Drs. Reza Sharif-Naeini and John Orłowski, will investigate the molecular, cellular, and circuit mechanisms responsible for sensory impairments, such as hyposensitivity to pain,

observed in an X-linked neurodevelopmental disorder called Christianson Syndrome. For information, contact Reza directly (reza.sharif@mcgill.ca) or consult this [notice](#).

Coderre lab – PDF opening

Terry is currently looking for a Post-doc willing to work on a project on the role of intracellular metabotropic glutamate receptors in persistent nociception. This is a CIHR-funded project. Those interested should contact Terry directly at terence.coderre@mcgill.ca

Ribeiro-da-Silva Lab – PhD training opportunity

Alfredo is currently looking for a PhD student willing to work on a project on the neuropathic component of pain in arthritis and therapeutic possibilities. This is a CIHR-funded project. Those interested should contact Alfredo directly

(alfredo.ribeirodasilva@mcgill.ca)

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8) **AECRP in the News**

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9) **Recent Publications**

[Rural-urban disparities in patient satisfaction with oral health care: a provincial survey](#)

Abdalgader Alhozgi, **Jocelyne S Feine**, Farzeen Tanwir, Richa Shrivastava, Chantal Galarneau, Elham Emami

BMC Oral Health. 2021 May 15;21(1):261.

[Use of Bisphosphonates in a Retrospective Case Series of Children and Adolescents with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.](#)

Walfish L, Sbrocchi AM, Rivera G, Ricaurte Gracia LE, Mohamed N, González Cárdenas VH, Stoopler M, **Ingelmo P.**

Paediatr Anaesth. 2021 May 17.

[Risk factors for severe opioid-induced respiratory depression in hospitalized adults: A case-control study.](#)

Boitor M, Ballard A, Emed J, Le May S, **Gélinas C.**

Can J Pain. 2020 May 21;4(1):103-110

[The moderating role of pain catastrophizing on the relationship between partner support and pain intensity: a daily diary study in patients with knee osteoarthritis.](#)

Carriere JS, Lazaridou A, **Martel MO**, Cornelius M, Campbell C, Smith M, Haythornthwaite JA, Edwards RR.

J Behav Med. 2020 Oct;43(5):807-816

[Authorization Patterns, Safety, and Effectiveness of Medical Cannabis in Quebec.](#)

Kalaba M, MacNair L, Peters EN, Eglit GML, Rapin L, El Hage C, Prosk E, **Ware MA**.
Cannabis Cannabinoid Res. 2021 May 10.

[Cannabinoid Profiles in Medical Cannabis Users: Effects of Age, Gender, Symptoms,
and Duration of Use.](#)

Kalaba M, **Ware MA**.

Cannabis Cannabinoid Res. 2021 May 17.

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