

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Creation of the Canadian Clinical Trial Coordinating Centre National Advisory Group**

The Canadian Clinical Trial Coordinating Centre's (CCTCC) is pleased to announce the creation of its National Advisory Group. Comprised of twelve members, the National Advisory Group provides advice and expertise to the CCTCC Executive Committee, ensuring the goals of the organization are met. The members also serve as ambassadors for the CCTCC and its mission.

The National Advisory Group is comprised of professionals representing a wide cross section of the Canadian clinical trials landscape such as SPOR (Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research) Support Unit Leads, patients, government regulators, academic researchers, hospitals, ethics, industry, clinical trialists, charities and other clinical trial initiatives.

The membership of the National Advisory Group is on a voluntary basis and each member holds a term of office of 3 years. The members are as follows:

- Dr. Lawrence Korngut MD, FRCPC, CSCN (EMG) **(Chair)**
- Ms. Laura Accettola MSc, BSc (Hons.)
- Ms. Karen Arts MNSc (Hons), BNSc (Hons.)
- Dr. John Cairns MD, FRCPC, FRCP (Lond.), FCAHS, FACC
- Mr. John Coderre MSc, BEng
- Ms. Sharon Freitag BSc
- Dr. Karen Lee PhD
- Ms. Susan Marlin MSc, BSc (Hons.)
- Dr. Robert McMaster PhD, MSc, BSc
- Dr. Peter Monette PhD.
- Dr. Jean L. Rouleau MD, FRCPC, FACC
- Dr. Pamela Valentine PhD

***The CCTCC was created to implement an action plan to strengthen and improve clinical trials in Canada and streamline processes for companies and researchers. Developed through extensive stakeholder consultation, the action plan includes nine key recommendations to improve the coordination of clinical trials in Canada, increase participation in trials, and strategically raise Canada's profile among international companies.***

For more information on the CCTCC and its National Advisory Group, visit us online [www.cctcc.ca](http://www.cctcc.ca) or contact Leyla Di Cori, our Communications and Strategy Coordinator at [ldicori@cctcc.ca](mailto:ldicori@cctcc.ca), or by phone (613) 233-2345.