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RESEARCH INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Key Words: health outcome assessment, randomized controlled trials, epilepsy, epidemiological studies

Dr. Wiebe has three main research areas: 1) Health outcomes research in neurosciences, particularly the evaluation of medical and surgical interventions, assessment of clinically important change, quality of life, economic analyses and meta-analyses. He has addressed both methodological and clinical aspects of these research areas. 2) Health services research, particularly using linked administrative databases and health surveys, as well as determining the appropriateness and necessity of clinical interventions. 3) Expanding a successful Clinical Research Unit within the Hotchkiss Brain Institute and the Department of Clinical Neurosciences. This unit support study design, data management, and data analysis for clinical research in the neurosciences.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

ROLE	FUNDING AGENCY	TITLE OF PROJECT	2010/11 ALLOCATION
Principal investigator	Faculty of Medicine	Hopewell professorship in clinical neurosciences research	160,000
	Hotchkiss Brain Institute	Clinical research unit	150,000
Co- Investigator	Hopewell Professorship	Hopewell professorship for clinical neurosciences research	166,666
	American Epilepsy	Critical care EEG research consortium	ongoing
	Society Public Health Agency of Canada	The validation and development of a case definition for epilepsy	24,000
	Public Health Agency of Canada	Understanding the epidemiology of neurological conditions	134,000
	Hotchkiss Brain Institute Clinical Research Unit	Prospective assessment electroencephalography in comatose neurocritical care patients	15,000
	Eisai	Efficacy and safety of E2007 (perampanel) in refractory partial seizures (E2007-G000-304)	ongoing

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Co- Investigator	Sepracor	Efficacy and safety of eslicarbazepine acetate as adjunctive therapy for refractory partial seizures	ongoing
	Union Chimique Belge (UCB)	Efficacy and safety of conversion to lacosamide 400mg/day monotherapy in subjects with partial-onset seizures	ongoing
	Union Chimique Belge (UCB)	Long-term use and safety of lacosamide monotherapy as adjunctive therapy in patients with partial-onset seizures	ongoing
	Union Chimique Belge (UCB)	Follow up study of long term safety and efficacy of brivaracetam used as adjunctive treatment in partial onset seizures	ongoing
	Union Chimique Belge (UCB)	Efficacy and safety of brivaracetam in patients with partial onset seizures	ongoing

PUBLICATIONS

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GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

Bijoy Menon, MSc student, Epidemiology (Co-Supervisor)

Thesis Topic: Neuroimaging in stroke

Jonathan Dykeman, MSc student, Department of Community Health Sciences Thesis Topic: Discontinuation of anticonvulsants in the seizure monitoring unit

Mohammed Almekhlafi, PhD student, Epidemiology (Co-Supervisor)

Thesis Topic: Use of neuroprotective agent in stroke

Lawrence Korngut, MSc student, Department of Community Health Sciences Thesis Topic: Intranasal insulin for the treatment of diabetic polyneuropathy: A phase II pilot study Farnaz Amoozegar, MSc student, Clinical Epidemiology Thesis Topic: Randomized trial of migraine therapy

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWS

Dr. Bandar AlJafen, Postdoctoral Fellow, Epilepsy and EEG fellowship Research Topic: Usefulness of intracranial EEG in patients with bilateral temporal epileptogenicity

Dr. Fatema Abdulla, Postdoctoral Fellow, Epilepsy and EEG fellowship Research Topic: Knowledge of women's issues related to pregnancy in epilepsy: A survey of health care professionals