



The National Alliance of Provincial
Health Research Organizations

NAPHRO

L'alliance canadienne des organismes
provinciaux de la recherche en santé

Since 2003 **NAPHRO** brings together Canada's provincial health research funding organizations for dialogue, partnerships and collaboration. Collectively, NAPHRO members invest nearly \$500 million annually in health research and innovation, an investment that contributes to a range of local, regional and national impacts.



NAPHRO members are important connectors between federal and provincial investments in health research and innovation, and the provincial health systems.

We convene partnerships and facilitate research to generate and foster the use of evidence-based practices, and to improve the health and well-being of Canadians.

The strength of our alliance comes from a proven record of strategies and shared learnings from the diverse political and operational contexts within which our members operate.

We are a trusted resource to our academic and clinical research communities, as well as policy and decision makers.



❁ **The Provincial funders that make up the NAPHRO alliance are a trusted resource within research communities**

- ❁ Given the complexity of Canada's research and innovation system, organizations that serve to connect individuals, organizations, sectors and levels of government are essential to a strong research enterprise.
- ❁ Informed decision-making isn't just about collecting the data, it is also connecting the knowledge producer to the knowledge user to benefit both. NAPHRO members provide important links to our academic and practice communities.

❁ **NAPHRO members are key partners in the R&D enterprise across Canada.**

- ❁ We are a significant partner in various federal research funding programs with CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, CFI, Genome Canada and other. Our members often act as a regional catalyst and a broker for these programs, especially where matching funds are required.
- ❁ High value partnerships like CIHR's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research have significant impacts on NAPHRO members and would benefit from improved communications between levels of government and organizational structures.

❁ **The challenges facing health systems are many, so stakeholders must work together to enable and accelerate change.**

- ❁ With explosive growth in data and technology and unprecedented advances in health sciences, such as personalized treatment options, Canada's health systems are struggling to deliver efficient, integrated, and patient centered care.
- ❁ As trusted advisors and stakeholders within our regions (for both research and innovation, but also broad health systems) we are well positioned to help shape a well-coordinated and integrated health research and innovation agenda.

NAPHRO Executive Members



Dr. Bev Holmes draws upon a wealth of experience in health research, practice and policy. Bev has helped establish MSFHR's position as a catalyst for the BC provincial health research strategy gaining a reputation as a leader in knowledge translation. In addition to her leadership roles at the MSFHR, she served as executive and interim lead of the BC Academic Health Science Network and the BC SUPPORT Unit.

Prior to MSFHR, Bev spent 13 years as a health communications and knowledge translation consultant, researcher and writer. She received both her MA and PhD from SFU's School of Communication and currently holds adjunct appointments at UBC's School of Population and Public Health and SFU's Faculty of Health Sciences.



To Be Confirmed



Mr. Patrick Odnokon is the Interim Chief Executive Officer for Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation. He joined SHRF in October 2007. He brings wealth of expertise and hands on experience in reporting on the progress and impact of funded research. As member of NAPHRO's executive table Patrick co-chairs NAPHRO's Impact Analysis Group.

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Ms. Christina Weise is the **Chief Executive Officer of Research Manitoba**. She has a Masters degree in public administration from the University of Manitoba. She is a public administrator with more than 15 years of experience developing and implementing public policy in the areas of research and innovation and in managing funds and programs to support research.

Just prior to joining Research Manitoba, Christina was with the Manitoba Department of Innovation, Energy and Mines as Director, Research and Innovation Policy where she oversaw the administration of over \$20 million to support research in Manitoba.



Ms. Anne Hayes, Acting Director at Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, is a health policy executive with a broad experience in strategic policy and planning, program design and management, and research development. She brings extensive international experience advising senior executives across North America, Australasia, Asia, and Europe.



Dr. Renaldo Battista is the **Scientific Director of the Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé**. Prior to that he was a professor in the Department of Health Administration at Université de Montréal and held the Canada Research Chair in Health Technology Assessment and cofounded the International Masters Program in Health Technology Assessment and Management.

He spearheaded the International Network of Agencies of Health Technology Assessment in Health Care (INAHTA) and advised on the development of health technology assessment in France, Spain and Italy.

Dr. Battista has medical degree from Université de Montréal, a master's in public health and a doctorate in health policy and management from Harvard University. In 2006, Dr. Battista was elected a member of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.



Since April 2012 **Dr. Bruno Battistini** leads the **New Brunswick Health Research Foundation as President, CEO and Scientific Director**.

Bruno held various academic appointments and research positions. Additionally, he brings 10 years of experience in various senior positions at start-ups, and emerging and established biopharmaceutical, nutraceutical and medical device companies.

He was as National Co-Chair of the Forum of Health Research Funders.

Bruno obtained his Ph.D. in Pharmacology (1992) with various studentships, awards and grants. He has 100 publications and 350 oral and poster presentations.



As **CEO at Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Krista Connell** has been instrumental in increasing research activity and capacity in Nova Scotia. Krista regularly serves on external review committees for other health research-related organizations and is a member of various boards and working groups including the Canadian Cochrane Network Centre Advisory Board (Chair); the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging, Advisory Council (Chair) and serves on the Canadian Arrhythmia Network's (CANet) Board of Directors.

Krista holds a Master of Health Services Administration from the University of Alberta and a Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy from Dalhousie University. She has also completed the Province of Nova Scotia's Executive Leadership Development Program.



Dr. Bornstein has been the **Director of the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research** since its establishment in 1999.

He is also Director of SafetyNet, Memorial University's centre for interdisciplinary research and knowledge mobilization in occupational health and safety. From 1991 to 1995, Dr. Bornstein served as Assistant Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs in the Government of Ontario and as Ontario Representative to Quebec.

Dr. Bornstein is a full professor in the Division of Community Health and Humanities of the Faculty of Medicine and in the Department of Political Science at Memorial University. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science at Harvard University.
