

Manitoba-Ontario endMS Regional Research and Training Centre Fact Sheet

Leadership

- Dr. Brenda Banwell, Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto, (director)
- Dr. Ruth Ann Marrie, Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre, University of Manitoba (co-director)
- Dr. Paul O'Connor, St. Michael's Hospital, University of Toronto (co-director)
- Dr. Marcelo Kremenchutzky, London Health Sciences Centre, University of Western Ontario (regional director)
- Dr. Donald Brunet, Kingston General Hospital, Queen's University (regional director)

Institutional Representation of Faculty Collaborators

- University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Winnipeg Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario
- York University in Toronto, Ontario
- Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Ontario
- Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
- St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
- Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
- Toronto Western Hospital, Toronto, Ontario
- McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
- Hamilton Health Sciences Centre, Hamilton, Ontario
- Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario
- Kingston General Hospital, Kingston, Ontario
- University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
- London Health Sciences Centre, London, Ontario
- University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

Total Number of Faculty Collaborators (as of May 2009): 40

Total Number of Trainees Working with Faculty Collaborators (as of May 2009): 57

Select Activities to be Launched in 2009

- Monthly Journal Club – regular gathering of trainees to discuss published MS research
- Inter-Lab Exchanges – one month funded exchanges to allow trainees to visit other labs or clinical programs across Canada to enhance their mentorship experience

Quotes

- "The Manitoba-Ontario RRTC offers a unique opportunity to create further bridges between clinicians, clinician researchers, and basic scientist. Such integration will ensure an innovative platform that will serve to not only enhance collaborative work, but to build capacity within the two provinces and Canada." – Dr. Brenda Banwell
- "The RRTC will directly educate and train leaders of the future and foster the education and knowledge translation of current faculty across the sites." Dr. Brenda Banwell
- "A key component of the plan is to enhance the academic, clinical, and personal success of the RRTC team. One of the most successful means to enhance individual and collective success is through peer mentorship." – Dr. Paul O'Connor
- "Participation in the RRTC will offer me and my institution the opportunity to interact with a much greater pool of MS researchers and trainees, spanning many disciplines. I expect that this will enhance our knowledge and understanding of MS, inform our future research

projects, and enrich the experiences of trainees at the University of Manitoba.” – Dr. Ruth Ann Marrie

- “I am looking forward to sharing my expertise in MS. My trainees will benefit from the exposure to the amalgamated clinical and research expertise in MS care conglomerated hereby through a highly integrated educational program. I look forward to participating in this exciting project and to enhance formal links with academic health centers across the country.” - Dr. Marcelo Kremenchutzky
- “I am looking forward to sharing my expertise in clinical management of MS and the conduct of both clinical trials in MS therapy as well as health services research in MS.” – Dr. Donald Brunet

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