



TAKE A LOOK BACK ON THE MOMENTS THAT MADE 2016 A GREAT FIRST YEAR FOR CANVECTOR.

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*The CanVECTOR Network is a pan-Canadian, patient-oriented, Community Development Program centered on venous thromboembolism-related research, training, and knowledge translation.*

## Dear CanVECTOR Crew,

**“We are 1”.** Well, we may not be the #1 Canadian research network (except in our own hearts and minds), but we hope to be. We are increasingly working together to achieve CanVECTOR goals but probably can’t yet claim that “we are one” (like the three eyed things in Toy Story). But we are now 1 years old! Happy Birthday CanVECTOR!

As you can see from the timeline of accomplishments for our first year a HUGE, (pardon the Trumpism) HUGE amount has been accomplished. All of this is possible through the hard work of all of our CanVECTOR crew. Our CanVECTOR crew includes you! You may be a patient partner, an investigator, a research coordinator, a partner organization representative, an EAB member, one of our virtual office staff, ICRH staff, a trainee, a consultant... the list is long. All of your collective energy and contributions have gotten us to this stage and we are poised to grow further in Year 2. It has been a HUGE pleasure to work with all of you. Harry Truman said, “You can accomplish great things if you don’t

mind who gets the credit”— we see that spirit every day in our CanVECTOR interactions.

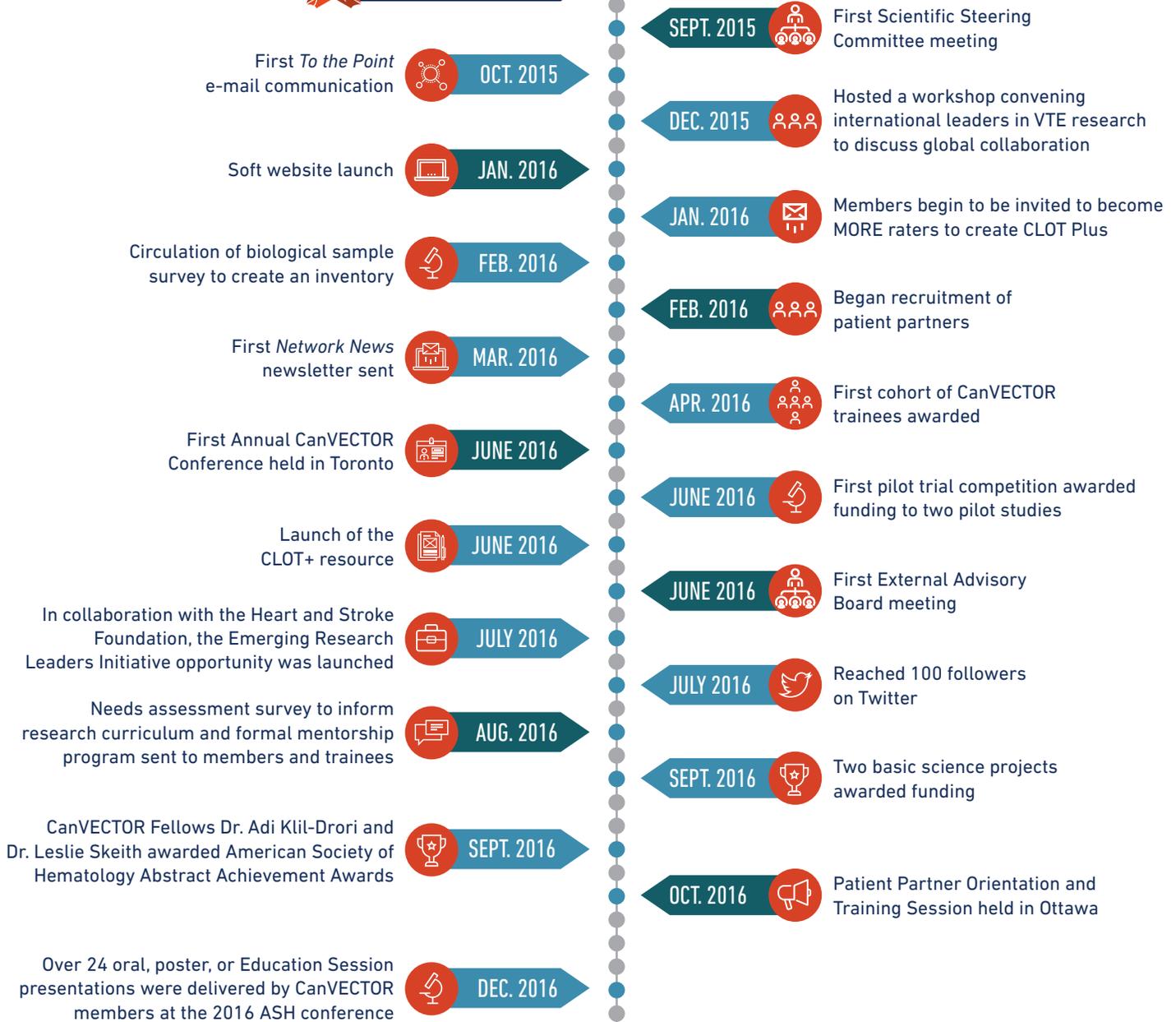
Alas, the time has come to kick back a bit and enjoy the holidays. While kicking back, pat yourself on the back for having helped create a sustainable network that will accelerate VTE research to better the lives of our patients!

Happy Holidays!

Marc and Susan

# A Year of Firsts

## LAUNCH 2015



Membership has grown from

**75 TO OVER 90**

in the first year and continues to grow and diversify. Members include physicians, nurses, methodologists, patients, research coordinators, and more.

## ENTERING 2017 NOW

# Coming Soon in 2017



The Clinical Trials and Shared Platforms platform will announce a Call for Proposals for the second Pilot Trials Funding competition by the end of the year! A total of \$150,000 will again be available for one or more pilot trials to be conducted in 2017. More information will be available on our website and our social media accounts. The deadline to send in proposals will be February 1, 2017.



The next phase of the knowledge translation project is being developed, with the creation of lay evidence summaries for highly-rated and clinically relevant articles! Our trainees have been learning the process to create these and they will be shared through CLOT+ in 2017.



Our 8 newly trained patient partners will soon be integrated into various CanVECTOR network research teams, to enable them to contribute their experience and expertise to our research projects in 2017.

To learn more about how we are leading in patient partnership and engagement, check out Patient Partners platform co-lead Dr. Lisa Duffett's October 2016 publication in *Thrombosis Research*: "Patient engagement: What partnering with patient in research is all about".



Along with our website developers, we have been working hard at creating a Member Portal that will be easy to use and will provide useful content for our members. This will be launched in 2017!

## In the Loop: Announcements

Special Preview: Our Member Portal will have a section called *In the Loop* that will be dedicated to posting announcements and kudos with respect to our academic and personal lives. While the news below is all we could find for this publication, rest assured that we aim to be as inclusive as possible. Send us your good news so that we can feature it, too!

### AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Dr. Susan Kahn was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, and was awarded the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine's (CSIM) 2016 Dr. David Sackett Senior Investigator Award.
- Dr. Vicky Tagalakis (CanVECTOR Platform Co-Lead) was appointed as University Director for the Division of General Internal Medicine at McGill University.
- Dr. William Geerts (CanVECTOR Member) received a 2016 Department of Medicine Leadership Award.
- Dr. Adi Klil-Drori (CanVECTOR Fellow) was awarded a CanVECTOR travel award to attend the ASH meeting and present his work.
- Dr. Alejandro Lazo-Langner (CanVECTOR Platform Co-Lead) was appointed the new chair of the CanVECTOR Investigators' Group. Thanks to Dr. Sudeep Shivakumar for his dedication and leadership over the past year!
- Drs. Rick Ikesaka and Jameel Abdulrehman (CanVECTOR Fellows) wrote and passed their Royal College specialty exams in hematology this Fall. Congratulations!

### COMINGS AND GOINGS

- We welcome our 8 patient partners to the CanVECTOR family: Robert Adriaanse, Brian Clark, Martin R. Lemieux, Joan Monk, Peter Monk, Ryan O'Connell, Carol West, and Jessica Zambito.
- Ms. Jessica Emed is back from maternity leave and has resumed her role as Co-Lead of the Patient Partners platform.
- We said goodbye to Dr. Esteban Gandara (CanVECTOR Member) who moved back to his home country of Argentina, and Ms. Holly Ockenden (CanVECTOR Admin) who is pursuing other endeavours.
- We welcome Ms. Justine Davis to the CanVECTOR administrative team as of the beginning of December.

### GRANTS

Dr. Lana Castellucci (CanVECTOR Member) was a co-applicant on a large Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) grant that was awarded this year for a 3-arm trial "Warfarin versus Direct Oral Anticoagulants for Secondary Prevention of Recurrent Venous Thromboembolism: A Randomized Comparative Effectiveness Trial". The project budget is over \$14 million USD. Congratulations to Dr. Castellucci and the entire project team!

### PERSONAL NEWS

- Dr. Leslie Skeith (CanVECTOR Fellow) got married in March 2016 in Maui, Hawaii!
- Ms. Charlotte Guzman (CanVECTOR Admin) got married in September in her home town of Toronto, ON!
- Ms. Gisele Diendere (CanVECTOR Member – research personnel) received her M.Sc in Epidemiology from Université Laval!

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The CanVECTOR Network wishes you joy and peace this holiday season.



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