
Announcement: Focus Issue on New Concepts in Clinical Trials

to be published in September 2021

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The *Canadian Journal of Cardiology* publishes occasional Focus Issues devoted largely to a specific research topic. These issues contain a number of expert reviews, and part of each issue is reserved for original research papers. All papers are subjected to the normal peer review process (an editorial decision is usually made within 14 days of receipt of any manuscript).

A Focus Issue **New Concepts in Clinical Trials** is scheduled to appear in **September 2021**. The Focus Issue will contain a number of important cutting-edge reviews as well as original papers in the area. Original articles in Focus Issues generally receive wide attention and citation.

We invite authors to contribute original manuscripts in this area for the upcoming focus issue. Authors should indicate in their submission letters that the manuscripts are intended for the “Focus Issue on New Concepts in Clinical Trials”.

Preliminary topics of **invited** articles (for which authors have already been identified) include:

Reviews

1. Ethical issues and conflicts of interest in clinical trials
2. N of one clinical trial
3. Lessons learned from Covid-19 trials - should we be doing clinical trials differently?
4. Key issues in the interpretation of randomized clinical trials (including p values)
5. Issues in designing and interpreting small clinical trials
6. Adaptive components in trial design
7. Innovative approaches to clinical trials data acquisition (registries, administrative data, etc.)
8. Actigraphy-designed endpoints in cardiovascular clinical trials
9. Bayesian trials in cardiology - what added value do they bring to the table?
10. Understanding the merits and drawbacks of superiority versus non-inferiority designs in cardiovascular medicine
11. Unique challenges to conducting randomized clinical trials in paediatrics
12. Can observational designs successfully emulate a randomized clinical trial?
13. How to handle internal variability in multicenter trials
14. Patient oriented outcomes and patient partners in cardiovascular trials
15. Where clinical trials are and should be headed: Funding agency perspective

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16. Surmounting the challenges to get a trial going in less than a month

Deadline for submission of manuscripts: **February 1, 2021**

Expected print publication date: **September 2021**

N.B. Accepted articles are generally published as in-press electronic postings within 4 weeks of acceptance.
