

# The Future of Health Data Accessibility in Canada

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# Session Overview

The Data Liberation Initiative (DLI), a partnership between Statistics Canada and post-secondary institutions, was one of the first attempts to ensure affordable and equitable access to national microdata files, databases and geography files collected by Statistics Canada. However, various database agencies have started collaborating with public and/or private stakeholders. This session seeks to address the challenges and successes associated with health data accessibility in Canada as well as comparisons with other countries.

# Who has data?

- ▶ Provinces
- ▶ Provincial Agencies
- ▶ Private Insurers
- ▶ Private Companies
- ▶ Patient Societies
- ▶ Patient Registries

# Types of Health Data

- ▶ Available
  - ▶ Diseases, Comorbidities
  - ▶ Severities
  - ▶ Health System Resource Utilization
  - ▶ Indicators-wait times
  - ▶ Patient Reported Outcomes (PROMs), Patient Reported Experience Measures (PREMs)
- ▶ Less Available
  - ▶ Out of Pocket Resources
  - ▶ Private Insurer Resources

# Open Data Directive

**Ontario** is committed to being the most **open** and transparent government in Canada. The new **Open Data Directive** maximizes access to government **data** by requiring all **data** to be made public on the **Ontario Data Catalogue**, unless it is exempt for legal, privacy, security, confidentiality or commercially-sensitive reasons. Nov 27, 2015.

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# Questions to Think About

- ▶ Who and where are the data custodians?
- ▶ Who are the people involved with accessing health data?
- ▶ What are the current roadblocks being experienced when accessing health data?
- ▶ What are the successes associated with accessing health data?
- ▶ What are the legal/privacy implications when accessing health data?
- ▶ What are the costs associated with accessing health data?
- ▶ What are the implications after health data has been accessed policy-wise?
- ▶ What happens to the data afterwards?

# Meet the Panel

## **Moderator:**

- ▶ Nicole Mittmann (CCO and SRI)

## **Speakers:**

- ▶ Janey Shin (Janssen Canada Inc.)
- ▶ Ximena Camacho (ICES)
- ▶ Steven O'Reilly (CIHI)

# Speaker 1: Janey Shin

Janey Shin is the Director, Real World Evidence at Janssen Inc. in Canada. She is responsible for developing the Janssen RWE strategy for Canada and for driving high priority evidence research projects through partnerships with healthcare, government, academic, research, and data provider organizations.

Prior to Janssen, Janey was the Director of Medical Affairs at Johnson & Johnson Medical Companies (JJMC) Canada, where she lead the development and execution of Medical Education, Clinical Affairs, Health Economics and Market Access, and Medical Information strategies across all franchise portfolio of medical device products.

Prior to Johnson & Johnson, she was the Director of Analytics and Surveillance at the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer and was responsible for driving key oncology pan-Canadian initiatives, including enhancing surveillance systems, developing health economic system decision-making tools, and building analytic capacity through engagement and partnerships with federal, provincial, and territorial stakeholders.

Over the last two decades, Janey has had progressive roles in statistics, clinical operations, sales and marketing operations, and Lean Six Sigma. Janey holds an MBA from the Rotman School of Management and a Masters in Biostatistics, both from the University of Toronto.



# Speaker 2: Ximena Camacho

Ximena has been with the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) since 2008 and has worked in a variety of research areas, including aging, cancer, and drug policy. Ximena is currently the Director of the Data and Analytic Services department at ICES, which supports access to data for non-ICES researchers and Ontario health system stakeholders.

# Speaker 3: Steven O'Reilly

As Executive Director/Associate CIO, Steve is responsible for leading the Integrated e-Reporting initiative and the Portal Services program at CIHI. His portfolio also includes a leadership role within the Information Technology and Services Division for both Digital Strategy and Integration Services.

With more than 25 years of experience in the health sector, Steve has extensive knowledge of health information and health information systems. Prior to joining CIHI, he served as chief executive officer of the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information. He did foundational work with the Newfoundland and Labrador Health System Information Task Force and was an early proponent of the electronic health record.

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# The present + future of health data accessibility in Canada A Perspective from Industry

**Janey Shin, Director, Real World Evidence  
Government Affairs and Market Access**

Gwendolyn Ryals, *Look at Me*  
Artwork from The Creative Center

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# RWE has reached a tipping point due to increasing demand to data, and stakeholders are responding

## Patients

- Interest in real-world evidence mixed with questions on data privacy
- Starting to “create” real-world data via forums



## HTA Bodies

- Broad variation of use, some systematic (e.g. UK, Italy) others more research focused (e.g., US)



## Payers

- Selected payers use RWE for formulary decisions (US)
- Emerging outcomes based/risk-sharing contracts



## Regulators

- Mainly focused on pharmacovigilance
- Adaptive licensing concepts and corresponding use of RWE data



## Academia

- Broad use of RWE as source of insight to medical research
- Partnerships with other stakeholders



## Providers/Clinicians

- Usage of internal RWE datasets for cost/quality monitoring and physician incentives
- Creating registries to generate RWE
- Disease-based EMRs



# Data accessibility today for industry researchers can be complex

## Data access options:

1. Formal data request to provincial sources (if non-prohibited) either directly or indirectly
2. Formal data request to medical databases (disease-based, EMR networks)
3. Supporting research through Investigator Initiated Studies

# Collaborations: There is a cultural shift towards improved data access with proper governance



# Opportunities and Benefits



- ❖ Improve data quality and efficiency
  - Data interrogation
  - Efficient and transparent
- ❖ Improve understanding of outcomes in real-world settings
  - Improves insights in health system delivery leading to better patient outcomes
  - Advanced analytics and methodology capabilities
  - Reproducibility of research (eg OHDSI)
- ❖ Engagement and robust discussions with all stakeholders
  - Public/private partnerships
  - Building trust



# Data Accessibility in Canada is Evolving in a Positive Direction BUT it still has challenges



- Limited transparency about the process for data access
- Variable cycle times for obtaining data
- Approval requirements
- Inter-provincial data sharing
- Reporting of Adverse events for secondary data vs primary data

# Where do we go from here?



- ✓ Continue collaborative efforts between the private and public sector
- ✓ Break down silos that prevent innovation
- ✓ Increased utilization of data will drive healthcare and “big data” solutions

# Thank you

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# Increasing Access to Data with ICES Data & Analytic Services (DAS)



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# Overview

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3. Public Perspectives
4. DAS Private Sector
5. Conclusions
6. Acknowledgments

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# The Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences

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- **Independent, non-profit research institution established in 1992**
- **Population-based health research**
- **Evaluation of health care delivery and outcomes**
- **Prescribed Entity status (PHIPA s.45)**
- **200+ scientists across 6 sites in Ontario**

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# ICES Data Repository

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- Health services utilization
- Clinical registries
- Population-based health surveys
- Care providers
- Electronic Medical Records

# Life Expectancy and Unhealthy Behaviours



Calculators

More

**Updated life expectancy calculator.** Based on findings from a **new study** published in PLoS Medicine.



## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### Measuring Burden of Unhealthy Behaviours Using a Multivariable Predictive Approach: Life Expectancy Lost in Canada Attributable to Smoking, Alcohol, Physical Inactivity, and Diet

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# Opioids

## Research

### Trends in high-dose opioid prescribing in Canada

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Irfan A. Dhalla MD MSc David N. Juurlink MD PhD

RESEARCH

### Opioid prescribing is a surrogate for inadequate pain management resources

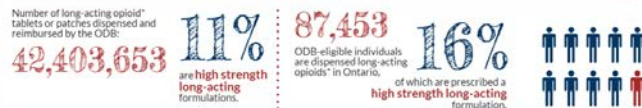
Hillel M. Finestone MDCM FRCPC David N. Juurlink MD PhD FRCPC Barry Power PharmD  
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### Trends in opioid use and dosing among socio-economically disadvantaged patients

TARA GOMES, DAVID N. JUURLINK, IRFAN A. DHALLA, ANGELA MAILIS-GAGNON  
J. MICHAEL PATERSON, MUHAMMAD M. MAMDANI

The Ontario Drug Policy Research Network conducted a rapid analysis of how recently announced changes to the availability of high strength formulations of long-acting hydromorphone, morphine and fentanyl will impact patients. This analysis reports prescribing trends in the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program between April 2014 and March 2015.

#### Prevalence of High Strength Long-Acting Opioids Reimbursed by the ODB



#### Opioid Utilization in Palliative Care



For more information, visit [www.odprn.ca](http://www.odprn.ca) and join the conversation on Twitter @odprn\_research

<sup>c</sup>Hydromorphone, morphine & fentanyl reimbursed by the ODB.

## Addiction

### RESEARCH REPORT

doi:10.1111/add.12599

### The burden of premature opioid-related mortality

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High Strength Opioid Formulations in Ontario

By the Numbers

ODPRN ONTARIO DRUG POLICY RESEARCH NETWORK



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Inspired Care.  
Inspiring Science.

# Cardiovascular Health



Research

A Section 508–conformant HTML version of this article is available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1289/ehp.1510425>.

## Moving to a Highly Walkable Neighborhood and Incidence of Hypertension: A Propensity-Score Matched Cohort Study

Maria Chiu,<sup>1</sup> Mohammad-Reza Rezai,<sup>1</sup> Laura C. MacLagan,<sup>1</sup> Peter C. Austin,<sup>1</sup> Baiju R. Shah,<sup>1,2,3</sup> Donald A. Redelmeier,<sup>1,4</sup> and Jack V. Tu<sup>1,2,5</sup>

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## Incidence of Major Cardiovascular Events in Immigrants to Ontario, Canada The CANHEART Immigrant Study

Jack V. Tu, MD, PhD; Anna Chu, MHSc; Mohammad R. Rezai, MD, PhD; Helen Guo, MSc; Laura C. MacLagan, MSc; Peter C. Austin, PhD; Gillian L. Booth, MD, MSc; Douglas G. Manuel, MD, MSc; Maria Chiu, PhD; Dennis T. Ko, MD, MSc; Douglas S. Lee, MD, PhD; Baiju R. Shah, MD, PhD; Linda R. Donovan, BScN, MBA; Qazi Zain Sohail, BSc; David A. Alter, MD, PhD

## BMJ Open Temporal trends in cardiovascular disease risk factors among white, South Asian, Chinese and black groups in Ontario, Canada, 2001 to 2012: a population-based study

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# ICES Data & Analytic Services (DAS)

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- **Established in 2014**
- **Part of Ontario's Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (SPOR)**
- **Separate unit within ICES**
- **Supports access to researchers external to ICES**

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# Available Services

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- **Access to data**

- Highly de-identified and risk reduced data uploaded to secure virtual environment
- Researcher performs analyses using analytical software and produces reports within the environment
- Only available to Canadian researchers

- **Analytics and reports**

- Analyses performed by ICES DAS Analysts
- Deliverables generated according to analytic plan designed by Researcher

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# Available Services

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- **Data linkage**
  - Importation and linkage of external data
  - Specific project use
  - Requires Data Sharing Agreement

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# Stakeholder Perceptions

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- Ongoing collection by both public and private sectors
- Data linkage necessary for planning and system monitoring
- Concerns about identifying information
- Research
  - Industry: profit-driven
  - Government/academic: more impartial

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# DAS Private Sector Pilot

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- **Guided by three principles:**
  - Alignment with ICES mission, vision, values
  - Transparency
  - Supplementary to core ICES work
- **Analysis & Reporting services only**
- **Opened May 2016**

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# DAS Private Sector Projects

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- REB approval required
- Study design and methodology provided by private sector client
- No collaboration with ICES scientists
- No publication requirements
- Timelines depend on study
- Costs higher than public sector studies
- Subset of repository available



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# Conclusions

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- **Landscape is changing – ICES is one of many**
- **Expanding access, but still in pilot phase**

# Acknowledgements

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# Thank You

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# The Future of Health Data Accessibility in Canada

Canadian Association of Population Therapeutics

*CIHI: Data access for data use*

Stephen O'Reilly, Executive Director/Associate CIO

Canadian Institute for Health Information

# Outline

CIHI strategic plan

Making it easier to access and use data

Myth Busting: timeliness, ease, breadth

Demonstration: dashboards, tools and uptake



# CIHI's Strategic Plan 2016 to 2021

## Vision

**Better data.  
Better decisions.  
Healthier Canadians.**

## Mandate

**Deliver comparable and actionable information to accelerate improvements in health care, health system performance and population health across the continuum of care**

## Strategic goals



**Be a trusted source of standards and quality data**



**Expand analytical tools to support measurement of health systems**



**Produce actionable analysis and accelerate its adoption**

## Priority themes and populations

### Themes

Patient experience  
Quality and safety  
Outcomes  
Value for money



Health system performance

### Populations

Seniors and aging  
Mental health and addictions  
First Nations, Inuit and Métis  
Children and youth



## Foundation



Our people



Stakeholder engagement and partnerships



Privacy and security



Information technology

## Values

Respect • Integrity • Collaboration • Excellence • Innovation

# Vision forward: Make data more accessible

**Goal:** Easy, timely and appropriately tailored access to CIHI data, with an increasing reliance on self-service, where appropriate

via [www.CIHI.ca](http://www.CIHI.ca)

Aggregate data

Record-level/ micro  
data

via other organizations

Open data platforms

Others' data holdings

Digital Strategy

# CIHI's contributions



CIHI is a prescribed entity and therefore a custodian of health information.

- A Pan-Canadian perspective allows us to bring together comparable data from multiple sectors
- Access to data program – Vision: linkages across the continuum (home care, long term care, acute care)
- Value-added tools, methodologies and products to support analysis of the data
- Standardized data collection



# Working with our partners



We work with long-standing partners including Industry, Statistics Canada, ICES, CIHR, and provincial research centres

- Renewed support for the research community through our Data Liberation Initiative
- Newest initiative includes work with Statistics Canada to pilot linked CIHI data in secure Research Data Centres
- Graduate Student Data Access Program
- Support for research initiatives such as the Strategy for Patient Oriented Research (SPOR)

# Myth-busting



Timeliness	Ease	Breadth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to “open year” data</li><li>• Established performance targets to meet customer needs</li><li>• Service standards for straightforward, complex and very complex data requests</li><li>• Better response to all requests</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public-use dashboards and web tools</li><li>• Enhanced functionality of the Portal tool</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to complex linked data</li><li>• Linkages with data from other organizations</li><li>• Data on multiple aspects of health care across the continuum (home care, LTC, acute care, workforce and financial data etc.)</li></ul>

# Many ways to access CIHI data



Publicly available: Interactive reports and analytical tools	Publicly available: Quick Stats and Analytical publications	Data accessible to CIHI Clients
<a href="#">Wait times</a> : Interactive report presents wait times as provinces work to meet benchmarks for priority procedures in Canada	<a href="#">Quick Stats</a> are a series of free, publicly available, aggregate-level reports about Canada's health care statistics.	Collaborative with Statistics Canada's <a href="#">Data Liberation Initiative</a> (DLI):
<a href="#">Patient Cost Estimator</a> : Estimates the average cost of various services provided in hospitals	Quick Stats are available in two formats: An <b>interactive</b> format and a <b>static</b> format with information in tables that are easy to print.	Visit our <a href="#">data holdings</a> to access secure, interactive, web-based e-reports.
<a href="#">CIHI's Indicator Library</a> for definitions, methodologies and the location of indicator results on CIHI's website and <a href="#">Your Health System</a> site	<a href="#">Published topic-specific analytical reports</a> and products present figures, graphs, tables and accompanying narratives	<a href="#">CIHI Portal</a> provides access to enriched, facility-identifiable data on the delivery of services by Canada's hospitals.

# Breadth and wealth of CIHI data



# Health Inequalities Interactive Tool: Smoking

[« Tool home](#)

## Smoking

Percentage of Canadians age 18 and older who currently smoke cigarettes daily or occasionally. Analyzed by self-reported adjusted household income.

[Indicator technical notes](#) (PDF)

[Data tables](#) (XLSX)

View results:

**Both sexes combined** | [By sex](#)

### Main

View indicator rates by income for each province, by year

Compare inequality with the Canadian average

Below average

Same as average

Above average

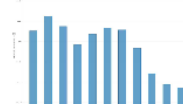
### Gradient

View the indicator rates by income for each province, by year



### Impact

View the potential impact if all Canadians had experienced the same indicator rate as those in the highest income level for each province, by year



### Trend

View the trends over time in indicator rates by income for each province

Identify changes over time

Decrease

No change

Increase

Export to PDF

Select one of 4 tabs

**Main**

Gradient

Impact

Trend

☐ 2003

☐ 2005

☐ 2007-2008

☐ 2009-2010

☐ 2011-2012

☒ 2013

Filters

Province (1 of 11)

# Patient Cost Estimator

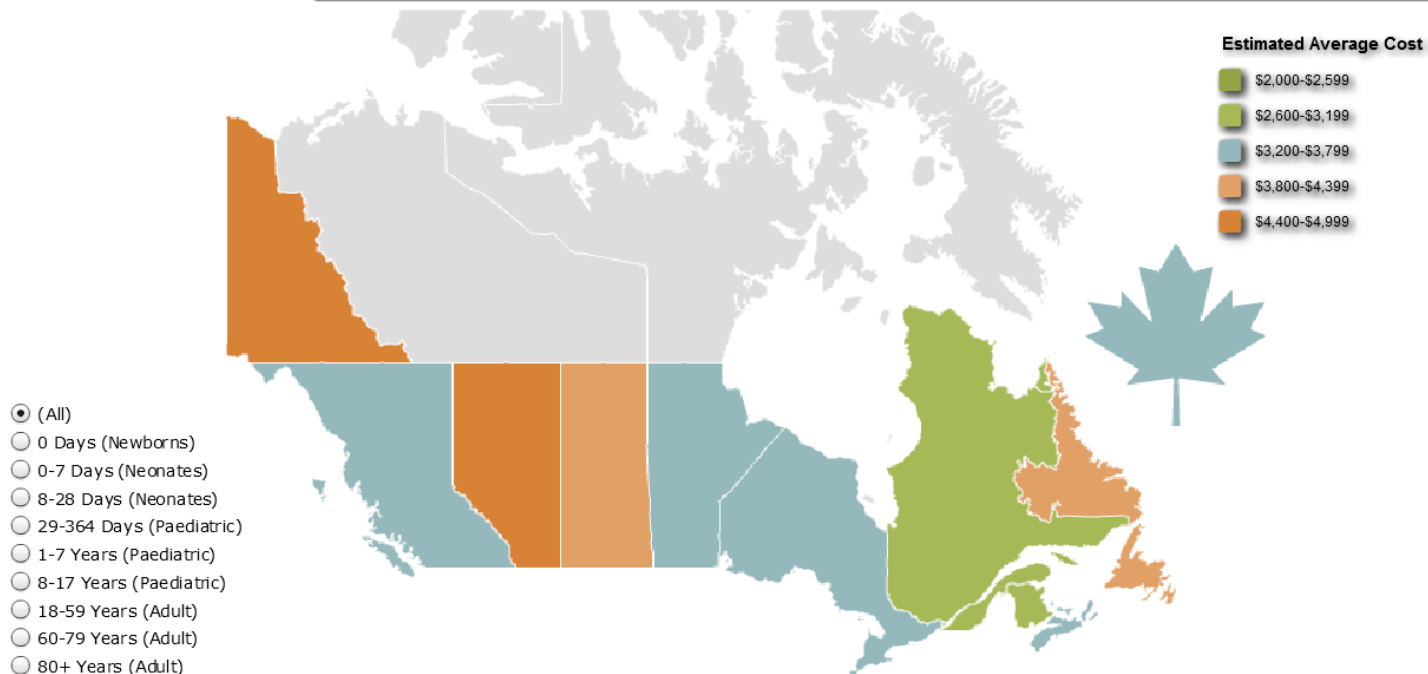
## Patient Cost Estimator

[Home](#)[Top 10](#)[Across Canada](#)[In Depth](#)[Search by Common Language](#)

**Overview:** Please select the major clinical category (MCC) and Case Mix Group (CMG) that you wish to analyze. CMGs and MCCs are described in more detail under the [Methodology](#) section.

**Major Clinical Category:**

**Case Mix Group:**



# OECD Interactive Tool

Comparing the Provinces with OECD Countries





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