

# Heart & Stroke in Ontario

## Provincial Awards: 2018/2019

The Heart & Stroke in Ontario Provincial Personnel Awards were established to build cardiovascular and cerebrovascular (CCVD) health research capacity in Ontario by providing salary support to highly qualified individuals to protect professional time for research that will prevent disease, improve health outcomes, and reduce the burden of illness and disability.

Mid-Career Investigator awardees have demonstrated a track record of research excellence and productivity as Principal Investigator in a research discipline relevant to the foundation's mission. Their body of work is well-recognized, frequently cited and considered by their peers to be influential and of excellent quality.

Clinician-Scientist awardees have demonstrated a commitment to building an influential program of CCVD health research relevant to the foundation's mission.

The Heart & Stroke in Ontario is pleased to announce the individuals who have received funding in the 2018/2019 Personnel Award Competition.

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### Ontario Mid-Career Investigators

**Atzema, Clare** (Department of Medicine, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences)  
*Atrial fibrillation in the emergency department: standardizing and improving care to reduce strokes and safely keep patients in their homes*

**Austin, Peter** (Department of Public Health Sciences, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences)  
*Statistical methods for cardiovascular research*

**Bolz, Steffen-Sebastian** (Department of Physiology, University of Toronto)  
*Unlocking the potential of microvascular research, from discovery to the patient's bedside*

**Salbach, Nancy** (Department of Physical Therapy, University of Toronto)  
*Improving mobility and physical activity through stroke prevention and rehabilitation interventions*

### Ontario Clinician Scientist Phase I

**Chih, Sharon** (Department of Medicine, University of Ottawa Heart Institute)  
*Coronary anatomic-physiologic alterations and novel therapies in cardiac allograft vasculopathy*

**Roifman, Idan\*** (Department of Medicine, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre)  
*Harnessing cardiovascular imaging to improve patient outcomes*

## **Ontario Clinician Scientist Phase II**

**Dowlatshahi, Dar** (Department of Medicine, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute)  
*RecoverNow: early mobile tablet-based speech therapy for post-stroke aphasia*

**Wijeysundera, Harindra** (Department of Medicine, Sunnybrook Research Institute)  
*A pan-Canadian network for real world evidence in health technology assessments: applications in trans-catheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI)*

\*Joint title National New Investigator and Ontario Clinician Scientist Phase I