



Final Report

From the 11th Annual Meeting of the Knowledge Network
in Rural and Remote Dementia Care

October 23 & 24, 2018
Saskatoon, SK

Health Care Delivery Across the Continuum for Rural and Remote Seniors with Dementia





Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for the 12th
Annual Summit meeting!

November 5th and 6th, 2019

This report summarizes the activities of Summit 11, the Eleventh Annual meeting of the Knowledge Network in Rural and Remote Dementia Care in Saskatoon on October 23 & 24, 2018.

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The photos from the Summit used in this report were taken by Debra Marshall.

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Dear Knowledge Network Members,

The 11th Rural Dementia Summit was held in Saskatoon on October 23 and 24, 2018. The Summit brings together the Rural Dementia Action Research (RaDAR) team and the Knowledge Network in Rural and Remote Dementia Care – a diverse group of individuals who share an interest in improving the quality of care and quality of life of people with dementia and their caregivers.

I was very excited to welcome Dr. Stefanie Auer to Saskatoon to be our Summit keynote speaker. I visited Dr. Auer in Austria on my sabbatical in 2017 and traveled to several of the Rural Dementia Services Centres that she has established. This novel model provides one-stop access to services that provide early detection, referral for diagnosis, and post-diagnostic support for people living with dementia and their caregivers in rural communities. Her research has inspired our research team to think about how we can learn from the Austrian model, which has been selected by the County of Upper Austria for scaling up to other communities in the county.

Our thanks to Lucie Clark, and Don and RoseAnn Keindel for their presentations on their experiences as caregivers and persons

living with dementia. Their moving stories remind us of the importance of the work that all of us are doing to improve dementia care in Saskatchewan—and the work still left to do.

The Summit was created in 2008 to guide the community-based RaDAR research program. This year's lively working group session led by RaDAR member Dr. Megan O'Connell

provided valuable input into our future research directions. The Summit program also highlighted research by other researchers in Saskatchewan, and innovative programs and services for people with dementia in the province.

Thank you for taking time to participate in the Summit. We are delighted that the number of participants has continued to grow, with more than 110 people attending this year. Please let us know if you have colleagues who are interested — we welcome opportunities to broaden our

geographic coverage across the province and expand the scope of jurisdictions, expertise, and interests represented.

A special thank you to the Bilokreli Family for their support of Summit and the Student Poster Prizes, through the Bilokreli Family Trust Fund.

Debra Morgan





AGENDA
Eleventh Annual Summit of the
Knowledge Network in Rural and Remote Dementia Care
October 23rd & 24th, 2018
Western Development Museum – 2610 Lorne Ave, Saskatoon

11th
Summit

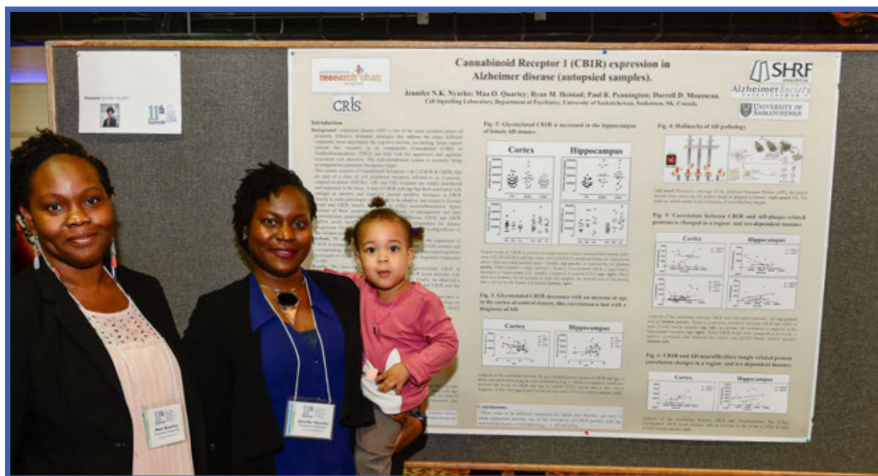
Tuesday, October 23rd - Western Development Museum – Butler Byers Hall

- 6:30 pm** Registration, Wine and Cheese Poster session and informal networking. Please join us in Butler Byers Hall to view posters and displays that highlight a variety of projects from attendees. Appetizers will be served, and a cash bar will be available.
- 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm** Welcome message from Dr. Debra Morgan
- Presentation: Assessment of Language in People with Neurological Illness – Dr. Andrew Kirk, RaDAR Team Member; Neurologist, University of Saskatchewan.
 - Bilorkeli Poster Prize Awards
- 9:00 pm** Evening adjourns

Wednesday, October 24th - Western Development Museum – Butler Byers Hall

- 8:00 am – 8:25 am** Registration and Breakfast served in Butler Byers Hall
- 8:30 am – 9:00 am** Introduction and welcome to 11th Annual Summit – Dr. Debra Morgan, RaDAR (Rural Dementia Action Research) Team Lead
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am** Update on Rural Primary Health Care model implementation in Sun Country Health Region – Sun Country Health Region team members
- 9:15 am – 10:15 am** Morning Keynote Presentation - Early Dementia detection and pre-diagnostic counselling in rural care - Dr. Stefanie Auer, Professor for Dementia Studies in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences and Preventative Medicine at Danube University Krems, Austria.
- 10:15 am – 10:45 am** Morning Break and Coffee
- 10:45 am – 11:15 am** Introduction to CCNA Phase II – Dr. Megan O'Connell – RaDAR research team member.
- 11:15 am – 12:15 pm** Small Group Discussion Session and reporting back.
- 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm** Lunch served in Butler Byers Hall – during lunch Summit participants are welcome to explore the museum and visit Boomtown.
- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm** The Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan - Supporting people in rural Saskatchewan, Presenters: Trina Hodgson, Laura Hirtle, and Karrie McFadden.
- 1:30 pm – 2:15 pm** Lived Experiences Panel Presentation – Moderated by Dr. Debra Morgan
- Lucie Clark – Caregiver
 - Don and RoseAnn Keindel – Don lives with dementia
- 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm** Afternoon Refreshment Break
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm** Research Highlights– Moderated by Dr. Melanie Bayly, Researchers will present about their projects:
- Transportation gaps in rural Saskatchewan: Informing the development of a sustainable transportation infrastructure. Dr. Alex Crizzle, Assistant Professor, University of Saskatchewan.
 - How friendships are sustained after a diagnosis of dementia. Dr. Rebecca Genoe, University of Regina.
- 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm** On the Radar – Dementia Initiatives in Saskatchewan – Moderated by Dr. Amanda Froehlich Chow, Panel discussion highlighting dementia initiatives:
- An overview of Purposeful Interactions. Jan Berger, Director of Care, Bethany Pioneer Village.
 - A Fresh Approach to Memory Care. Crystal Spooner, CEO/Developer, Orange Tree Living.
- 3:30 pm – 3:45 pm** Wrap-Up Closing comments and Summit evaluation.

The poster session and presentation Tuesday night was an excellent opportunity for participants, researchers, and students to network, view posters and learn more about current rural and remote dementia care projects. Twenty-eight posters were on display from a variety of presenters. A brief evening program was added to this year's Summit evening session with a presentation by Dr. Andrew Kirk.





Presentation - Tuesday evening



Poster Award - The Bilokreli Student Poster Prize

Adjudicated by the poster judges, the 2019 Bilokreli Student Poster Prize was awarded to the top three student posters submitted to Summit. Members of the Bilokreli family were present Tuesday night to recognize the student's hard work.

1st Place: Karl Grewal

2nd Place (tied): Michelle Kushneriuk, Jake Ursenbach

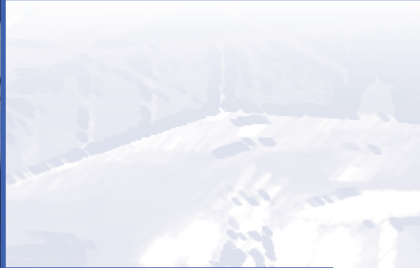
3rd Place: August Kortzman

Congratulations, and thanks to all students for their participation in Summit.

Over the two days, more than 110 participants from across the province representing a variety of stakeholders joined us for Summit 11. The Summit had participants from: primary health care and chronic disease, long-term care, home care, health region administration, nurse practitioners, family physicians, continuing care consultants, family members, people with dementia, research team members, students, Ministry of Health, Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, Health Quality Council, Saskatchewan Government Insurance, and the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan.

The Summit meeting is an integrated part of the knowledge translation and exchange activities of the RaDAR team researchers, trainees, and students. The on-going feedback and input provided by community members working in the field of rural and remote dementia care, as well as the insight of those directly affected by dementia, ensure that research activities undertaken by the RaDAR team are relevant and tailored to the needs within the broader community.





Wednesday Summit Meeting



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Of the 110 Summit participants, 59 completed and returned a Summit evaluation by the end of the meeting. We always appreciate receiving feedback about the meeting, and use the information to help us plan for future events.

The majority of poster session attendees rated the evening session as an "Excellent" or "Very Good" opportunity to learn more about rural and remote dementia care research.

Summit meeting attendees who completed the feedback form about Wednesday's meeting agenda items rated the highest satisfaction levels with the *Lived Experiences Panel* and the *Keynote presentation by Dr. Stefanie Auer*. As well, a majority of respondents rated themselves "Extremely Satisfied" with their opportunity to increase their knowledge in rural and remote dementia care during the Summit.

When asked for feedback about planning for future Summit events we heard that participants would like it if there was more information about Indigenous peoples incorporated in to Summit. There was also an interest in more information about Canada's national dementia strategy, and more information about legal issues and dementia (eg: Power of Attorney). We also received feedback on how we can improve future Summit events, including suggestions about agenda timing and the set up of the room.

Congratulations to Chantelle Erdman!

The winner of the Visa Gift Card drawn from among the names of Summit Attendees who returned their Summit Evaluation Form

It was very encouraging to hear from caregivers that the poster session gave them hope and understanding that there is lots going on to improve dementia care.

Research update was great

I come on my own time and it is worth my time and or any cost for the knowledge and connections available

I appreciated that the emphasis was beyond research findings, to include meaningful group discussion and lived experiences.

I loved the keynote. Many takeaways from her presentation.

This fueled my passion and was the first time I had been surrounded by people all focused on dementia

Very good value to participate
Our staff look to attending every year

Lots of opportunity to network or get contact info from speakers.

nice to meet with people covering so many aspects of dementia care

[I have gained a] Better understanding of rural challenges

This will allow me to be more responsive in my interactions with clients.

Thank you so much for opening my eyes of work of all people involved from research -- so much behind scenes stuff going on.

Visit the Rural Dementia Action Research team's website at

www.ruraldementiacare.usask.ca

- learn more about the team and current research projects
 - review team members' publications
 - download information from previous Summit events and see photos from more than a decade of Summit meetings
 - current news about the RaDAR team
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Nadine Abu-Ghazaleh	Abu-Ghazaleh N, Kirk A, Karunanayake C, Morgan D, O'Connell ME Characteristics of Frontotemporal Dementia Patients' Caregivers
Juanita Bacsu	Bacsu J, Viger M, Johnson S, Jeffery B, Novik N Dementia and Rural Aging: Stigma, Implications, and Next Steps
Melanie Bayly	Bayly M, Morgan D, Froehlich Chow A, Kosteniuk J, Elliot V Dementia-related Education and Support Service Accessibility and Use in Rural Areas: Barriers and Promising Solutions
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Chantelle Erdman	BoserKelly D Mobile Recreation Therapy Services; Private Practice, In Rural Saskatchewan and Surrounding Area
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Karl Grewal	Grewal KS, Sheets D, Smith AP, Trites M, Kennedy M, MacDonald SWS A Community Choir to Facilitate Psychosocial and Cognitive Health for Caregivers and Persons with Dementia
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Maryam Madani Larijani	Madani Larijani M, Crizzle A Using GIS To Examine Access to Transportation for Seniors in Rural Saskatchewan
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Joanne Michael	Michael J U-First!- <i>Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan</i>
Debra Morgan	Morgan D, Kosteniuk J, O'Connell ME, Seitz D, Kirk A, Stewart N, Holroyd-Leduc J, Daku J, Hack T, Kennett-Russill D, Sauter K Development, Implementation, and Scaling Up of a Rural Primary Health Care Model for Dementia
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