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Re: Sedative use following ICU admission among sedative-naïve elderly patients & risk of falls

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Dear Members of the Grants Review Committee:

As President of the Canadian Critical Care Society (CCCS), it is with great pleasure to offer this letter of support on behalf of Canadian Critical Care Society (CCCS) to Drs. Lisa Burry and Hannah Wunsch for their highly relevant study evaluating “new” sedative use following intensive care admission in sedative-naïve elderly patients (SNOW-FALL). Drs. Burry and Wunsch’s work will contribute to our understanding of the use of these drugs after an ICU admission and more importantly the risk of adverse effects such as falls and fractures. The CCCS is the national specialty society, representing adult and pediatric critical care medicine physicians and other health professionals in Canada. We strongly endorse this project on its scientific merits and for the impact the findings will have on patient outcomes of ICU survivors. We see the role of the CCCS to not only attest the importance of this work but to support and shape the distribution of the key findings of the research.

The proposed study underscores the mission of the CCCS. The CCCS is dedicated to promote research, education and patient care in Critical Care Medicine. We believe that advocacy is an important role for the Society, and we speak vigorously for Critical Care in Canada. As such, we will assist with Knowledge Translation of the results of the SNOWFALL study. The CCCS and its research partner – the Canadian Critical Care Trials Group (CCCTG) have a joint Knowledge Translation Committee that develops and endorses evidence-based guidelines. We are affiliated with the largest national meeting (Critical Care Canada Forum), our official publication is the Canadian Journal of Anesthesia and we have an active web and social media presence. Ultimately, we also incorporate key principles into various national education initiatives, including training objectives for the Royal College, and annual national simulation and review courses. We will use these resources with Dr. Burry and her team to provide input, feedback and



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support as the research evolves. Part of improving care involves understanding current practice. The real-world implications of the proposed work must be emphasized. The opportunity for knowledge translation and potential to change clinical practice make this research particularly relevant to the mission of CCCS

Accordingly, on behalf of CCCS members, it is our pleasure to partner with the SNOWFALL trial team and to offer our wholehearted support.

Sincerely,

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