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Dear Canadian Institutes of Health Research Review Committee,

TREASURER
Peter Brindley

I am writing this letter in my capacity as Secretary of the Canadian Critical Care Society (CCCS), in very strong support of Dr. Parsons Leigh and Dr. Stelfox's Evaluation Grant application focused on improving Transitions in Care in the Critically Ill.

PAST PRESIDENT
Alison Fox-Robichaud

Dr. Parsons Leigh and Dr. Stelfox are valuable members of the Canadian Critical Care Society. Together, they have contributed tremendous work into the understanding of the journey many of our patients and their families take when faced with critical illness. Within the Evaluation Grant, the team will evaluate the impact of their electronic communication tool on the quality of communication between providers and the quality of care received by patients. This communication tool is currently being tested in intensive care units in Calgary, and we look forward to the results from their provincial evaluation. We envision that this tool will ultimately be disseminated across Canada

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Generally, we see the role of the CCCS to attest to the importance of work and how we can contribute to knowledge translation. We are prepared to provide a partnership with in-kind contributions of \$2,000 over the period of the proposal. This will include:

- 1) Having a member of the CCCS Executive sit on the team's stakeholder committee.
- 2) Help the team to identify and liaise with relevant experts and knowledge users in the Canadian critical care community, once the tool is ready for national dissemination.
- 3) Work with the team to develop dissemination materials through our Knowledge Translation Committee and Clinical Committee, for provincial and national dissemination.
- 4) Engage a broader group of ICUs for eventual larger implementation and evaluation.

The CCCS is dedicated to promoting 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. We have an active web and social media presence. Our official journal is the Canadian Anesthesia Journal. Ultimately, we will incorporate key principles into various national education initiatives, including training objectives for the Royal College, continuing medical education activities and review courses for our trainees. We will work with Drs. Parsons-Leigh and Stelfox to develop resources as their study evolves by inviting their input and feedback.

In summary, we believe that this research project will have a high impact for our patients, their families, and the Canadian Critical Care community. Drs. Parsons Leigh and Stelfox are both highly successful researchers and highly capable of leading this initiative!

This is an outstanding grant application from an outstanding research team. Clearly, financial support is needed to bring the proposed work to fruition.



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With Kind Regards,

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