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# Spotlight on CITF-FUNDED RESEARCH



## CITF Events



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GROUPE DE TRAVAIL SUR L'IMMUNITÉ FACE À LA COVID-19

Seminar Series | Research Results & Implications

### How social determinants of health affected the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada



January 25, 2023 | 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. EST

## Save the date!

Social and economic inequities have contributed to how certain communities in Canada have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. For the 12<sup>th</sup> seminar in our *Research Results & Implications* series we have gathered CITF-funded experts to present their findings on how those factors - income or material deprivation, employment, education, and racialization, among others - have led to a higher likelihood of becoming infected and/or

suffering more severe outcomes (hospitalization and death) from COVID-19. Furthermore, these social determinants have had a measurable effect on access to vaccines and vaccine uptake across the country.

Casting light on these social drivers of COVID-19 disease risk and vaccine coverage clarifies the urgent need for policies and practices to redress these inequities.

**Panelists:**

- **Upton Allen O.Ont., MBBS, MSc, FAAP, FRCPC, Hon FRCP (UK), FIDSA**, Professor, Department of Paediatrics and Institute of Health Policy Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto; Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids); Senior Associate Scientist, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)
- **Sonia Anand MD, PhD, FRCPC, FRSC**, Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology and Associate Chair Equity, Diversity, Department of Medicine, McMaster University; Vascular Medicine Specialist, Hamilton Health Sciences; Senior Scientist, Population Health Research Institute
- **Simona Bignami PhD**, Professor, Department of Demography, Université de Montréal
- **Jack Jedwab PhD**, President and CEO Metropolis Institute and the Association for Canadian Studies
- **Sheila O'Brien PhD**, Associate Director, Epidemiology & Surveillance, Canadian Blood Services; Adjunct Professor, School of Epidemiology & Public Health, University of Ottawa

**Moderator:**

**Tim Evans, MD, DPhil**, Executive Director, COVID-19 Immunity Task Force

**Registration coming.**



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## The CITF Databank



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## Thank you for making our *CITF Databank* seminar such a success

More than 140 people attended our seminar to learn about the newly launched CITF Databank. Thanks to all who participated and asked great questions. Another big thank you to all the PIs who have already shared data with the CITF – you are helping to advance further research in Canada and around the world.

Now available, the slides presented by our panelists and the video of the seminar.

[See the presentation](#)

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## CITF Announcements

### Our year in review

Over the course of 2022, we highlighted 152 articles published by CITF-funded researchers. Among those, there were 23 reports, 83 peer-reviewed

papers, 35 preprints, eight preprints that were subsequently published in peer-reviewed journals, and three poster or other academic presentations. They are all featured on our website in our *CITF Research Results* section. We invite you to use the tags beside the date for each of our entries to sort the material according to particular research topics.

[Read more](#)

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT THE CITF

Following another pandemic year, as we continue to grapple with COVID-19 and all of its attendant challenges, we wish you a well-deserved pause to enjoy a time of rest and diversion. This will be the final edition of the Spotlight on CITF-Funded Research for 2022. We will return renewed and hopeful on January 10, 2023. In the meantime, everyone at the CITF wishes you and your family a joyful holiday season and a healthy New Year.



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