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# EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENT! SCIENTISTS UNCOVER POTENTIAL WORKAROUND FOR ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT BACTERIA

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By Dr. Luke O. Site

Yes, the Good Doctor is in the house and back in my rightful place. It couldn't be too soon either. I'm excited to tell you about a really important potential discovery by the American Chemical Society as published in their magazine the Journal of Medical Chemistry. Hold on to your hats and catheters, because if the researchers and scientists can develop what they have discovered so far, this could greatly affect the people who suffer from chronic UTIs.

Alarm bells began ringing this past spring when a woman Pennsylvania was the first reported patient in the US to have a bacterial infection resistant to

colistin. The labs went to work overtime and James W. Janetka and his co-workers uncovered a new class of small molecules for fighting infections. The method of defense of these molecules is not to destroy the bacteria, but to inhibit their ability to attach themselves onto the bladder walls. The bacteria create FimH, and this is what causes the bacteria to stick to the walls of the bladder.

The first test was not resilient enough, so researchers are working on a second version. The first version was called O-mannosides. In animal testing, the O-mannosides appeared to break down too quickly so they were replaced with carbon based linkers for more stability. These new molecules are called C-mannosides.

Source:

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20161026/Scientists-uncover-new-class-of-small-molecules-for-fighting-c2a0urinary-tract-infection.aspx>

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## VaPro research study in France: 75% of subjects would recommend the VaPro to others who cath.



By Cathy Terr

Hello, and yes, I'm on the same page as The Good Doctor. No, we aren't a couple, even though Stan spreads such rumors. In my search online I discovered an interesting study from France about the VaPro touchless hydrophilic intermittent catheter. It was a very comprehensive study and had very promising results for the VaPro cath. Here is the abstract from the study:

Study design:

Interventional, multi-center, open-label, randomized and crossover study.

Objectives:

The study objectives were to describe the current catheterization habits of the French neurogenic bladder patients using intermittent catheterization (IC), and to evaluate the ease of use, reliability and patients' comfort and patients' acceptance of the new 'no-touch', presumably easy-to-use VaPro catheter.

Setting:

Patients were recruited from 11 centers in France.

Methods:

In total, 106 men and women (age 18-65 years) with neurogenic bladder using IC at least four times a day were randomized into two groups. All subjects were trained to use the approved 'no-touch' method. A questionnaire evaluating patients' experiences was distributed before the start of the trial and after each 15-day period of catheter use, that is, VaPro vs conventional catheter.

Results:

The majority of patients in this French IC user panel had very strong catheterization habits: 2/3 of them had been using IC for greater than or equal to 2 years with high ease of use and comfort. Nevertheless, >50% of patients would recommend the VaPro catheter to other people who need IC. More than three out of four patients felt confident and more secure with the new catheter. Men and spinal cord injury (SCI) patients were significantly more positive about the VaPro catheter than women and patients without SCI, respectively.

Conclusion:

The VaPro catheter is an acceptable and reliable alternative to the existing hydrophilic-coated 'no-touch' catheter.

Sponsorship:

This study was sponsored by Hollister France Inc.

Source:

<http://www.nature.com/sc/journal/v50/n11/full/sc201268a.html>

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## NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Name	Organization	Time	Location	Contact
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Surrey Bean There Coffee Group	SCI-BC	1-3 pm	Surrey City Centre Library	
7 <sup>th</sup>	PG Bean There Coffee Drop-In	SCI-BC	2-4 pm	SCI BC PG	Brandy Stiles / 250-563-6942, <a href="mailto:bstiles@sci-bc.ca">bstiles@sci-bc.ca</a>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Women's Only Group	SCI-BC	2-4 pm	Victoria Disability Resource Centre	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Vancouver Cooking Class	SCI-BC	6-8 pm	Blusson: 818, W10th Vancouver	Maddy McDonald, SCI-BC / <a href="mailto:mmcdonald@sci-bc.ca">mmcdonald@sci-bc.ca</a>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Upper Fraser Valley Peer Group	SCI-BC	2-4 pm	IHOP - Chilliwack	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria "Vintage" Peer Group	SCI-BC	1-3 pm	Victoria Disability Resource Centre	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Richmond Bean There Coffee Group	SCI-BC	1:30-3:30 pm	Lansdowne Centre Mall	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fort St. John Ladies Tea	SCI-BC	2-4 pm	Cool Beans Cafe	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Courtenay Coffee Group	SCI-BC	2-4 pm	Quality Foods: 2751 Cliffe Ave.	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Hockey Night/Dinner	SCI-BC	5:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Save On Foods Memorial Centre	Scott Heron, SCI-BC / (250) 812-0773, <a href="mailto:sheron@sci-bc.ca">sheron@sci-bc.ca</a>
16 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria CP Support Group	SCI-BC	12-2 pm	Victoria Disability Resource Centre	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly Peer meeting in Quesnel	SCI-BC	12 pm start	Savalas Steak House	
17 <sup>th</sup>	ConnecTra Community Get Together	ConnecTra	2-4 pm	Roundhouse, Vancouver	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Victoria Aneurysm & Stroke Group	SCI-BC	1-2:30 pm	Victoria Disability Resource Centre	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fort St. John Peer Coffee Group	SCI-BC	2-4 pm	Cool Beans Cafe	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Nanaimo Peer Coffee	SCI-BC	2-4 pm	Nanaimo Aquatic Centre	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Tsawwassen Bean There Coffee Group	SCI-BC	1-3 pm	Petra's Arts Kafe	Vincent at <a href="mailto:vincent.m50@gmail.com">vincent.m50@gmail.com</a> or at 604-271-0977.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Wheelchair Tennis Instructors Course	BCWSA	9 AM - 4 PM	UBC Tennis Centre	Jeannie Rohr / <a href="mailto:jeannie@tennisbc.org">jeannie@tennisbc.org</a> 604-737-3086 (ext 5)
<b>Multi Day Events</b>					
Every Tuesday	PG Para-Badminton	SCI-BC	6-9:30		
Every Thursday	PG Para-Badminton	SCI-BC	7:30-9:30		
Every Tues/Thurs	Tetra Woodwork Shop	TETRA	10-3 pm	Blusson: 818, W10th Vancouver	George Shipley 604 596 9404
Every Monday	Table Tennis	SCI-BC	5-7 pm	iCORD: 818 W10th Ave, Vancouver	<a href="mailto:rpeter@sci-bc.ca">rpeter@sci-bc.ca</a>
Every Monday	PG Wheelchair Rugby	SCI-BC	7-9 PM	College of New Caledonia	Bonita Ewert / (250) 640-6769, <a href="mailto:ewertj@telus.net">ewertj@telus.net</a>

## EVENTS UPDATE

With Stan Hexadine



Stan here. We got some good things cooking with this Events Calendar. We are combing through (maybe I shouldn't use that word) a number of disability organizations sites and are putting them together into a master list. Online you can find both a list and a calendar view of all of the stuff we are putting together. If you have a suggestion, please let us know. I'm glad I'm not on the same page as Mr. and Mrs. UTI.

## Kirsten Sharp's Call Out on Facebook

Used wheelchairs and equipment wanted! Heading to Mexico with World Access Project and I would like to donate as much equipment as I can when there. Last time I donated almost 8 wheelchairs and other pieces of equipment, back rests, cushions, wheels, tires, walkers, crutches etc. What we might think is old or unusable is a ribbon wrapped gift to others. Some of these people in Mexico have never left their house because of a lack of a mobility aids. We gave one of those old turquoise GF strong chairs, and the girl was in absolute heaven. So cool to see a smiles on their faces. Help me help them! Alaska Airlines was fantastic and didn't charge us a cent for all the extra luggage. Let's hope WestJet will do the same this year. Please send me a private message with what you can donate. So appreciated! Please share this post with anyone you might know who knows someone with something!



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