

Notes and Announcements

CANADIAN STROKE CONSORTIUM

A network of 21 academic stroke centres across Canada, from Vancouver to St. John's, has been established as an infrastructure for prospective research endeavors. Initially, the Consortium has agreed to undertake a clinical trial in acute stroke patients of a drug which has proven successful in animal models, CGS 19755 (*Selfotel* by Ciba-Geigy Canada Ltd.).

The Consortium hopes to include other clinically active, non-academic centres, so that clinical trials can be undertaken expeditiously with sufficient numbers of patients. A first step will be to

establish a communications network for a cross-Canada stroke registry and to attract funding from external granting agencies.

An update on the Consortium will be given at the Annual Business Meeting of the Canadian Stroke Society, Monday, June 27, during the 29th Meeting of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences, in St. John's, Newfoundland.

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