

**November 1st, 2012**  
**9:00AM - 12:00PM**  
**New Residence Hall**  
**3625 Avenue du Parc**

The Centre of Genomics and Policy, in partnership with the MUHC Research Ethics Office, Quality Assurance and Education Program and McGill University Skillsets are proud to announce:

# **WALKIN' DOWN THE BLURRY LINE BETWEEN RESEARCH AND THE CLINIC**

New insights from medical technologies used in the clinical research setting challenge the traditional delineation between bench and bedside. This interactive conference will raise awareness of the ethical and legal impact of such technologies on researchers, clinicians, patients and participants. Moreover, the event will help attendees identify, through a case study, the role of Research Ethics Boards (REBs) in evaluating emerging ethical issues.

The conference will be divided into three sessions. The first will include presentations by experts on the fine line between research and the clinic. In turn, the second session will involve mock REB deliberations, where the audience will be assembled in small groups to discuss and comment a specific case study. A REB expert will guide each group and facilitate the discussions. The third session will enact an REB deliberation by the experts, focusing on the different roles of REB members and on the results of the case discussions.

Introduction by:  
**Bartha Maria Knoppers, Ph.D.**  
Director, Centre of Genomics and Policy (CGP)  
Professor, Faculty of Medicine, McGill University



## **SESSION 1: BLURRY LINE BETWEEN RESEARCH AND THE CLINIC:**

Rare Disease Consortium for Autosomal Loci (RaDiCAL): Potential and Challenges  
**David Rosenblatt, M.D.**  
Chair, Department of Human Genetics,  
Faculty of Medicine, McGill University

Genome Analysis for Neonates:  
Points to Consider  
**Walla Al-Hertani, M.D.**  
Geneticist, Montreal Children's Hospital, MUHC

Bridging the Gap between Research  
and the Clinic: Ethical and Legal Issues  
**Ma'n H. Zawati, LL.M.**  
Academic Coordinator,  
Centre of Genomics and Policy, McGill University

## **SESSION 2: MOCK REB DELIBERATIONS**

Moderated by:  
**Denise Avard, Ph.D.**  
Research Director,  
Centre of Genomics and Policy (CGP)  
Associate Professor, Faculty of Medicine,  
McGill University

## **SESSION 3: REB PRESENTATION BY THE EXPERTS:**

**Dr. Denis Courmoyer**  
Chair /Member knowledgeable in the area  
of research reviewed by the REB

**Dr. Roberta Palmour**  
Co-chair /Member knowledgeable in the area  
of research reviewed by the REB

**Dr. Erwin Schurr**  
Member knowledgeable in the area  
of research reviewed by the REB

**Dr. Jonathan Kimmelman**  
Ethicist

**Mr. David Parry**  
Jurist

**Ms. Nathalie Pellerin**  
Community member

**Mr. James Connelly**  
Community member

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**Looking forward to seeing you all there!**