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Dr. Anne Junker and Victor Espinosa named 2023 Clinical Trials BC Awards recipients

The recipients of this year's awards are honoured for their exceptional leadership, advocacy, and distinguished service that have made impacts to the clinical trials community in British Columbia and beyond.

Vancouver, BC, May 24, 2023 — Clinical Trials BC is pleased to announce the recipients of their annual awards: the Leadership & Advocacy Award and the Service & Support Award. [Watch the awards presentation video.](#)

“We are thrilled to bestow these awards on two very deserving individuals this year,” says Alison Orth, director, Clinical Trials BC, part of Michael Smith Health Research BC. “We thank them for their inspirational contributions that have made impacts to the clinical trials and research community throughout their careers.”

The Leadership & Advocacy Award is presented to **Dr. Anne Junker**, associate professor emeritus at the University of British Columbia/BC Children's Hospital and principal at UBC Emeritus College. She contributed four decades of work in clinical practice and clinical trials-related activities in pediatrics.

The award recognizes Dr. Junker's extraordinary leadership contributions to the establishment of formal pediatric clinical trial guidance and the advancement of pediatric ethics, quality assurance, rare disease research and clinical trial data management efficiencies at all levels of governance. She is a strong promoter and advocate for the development of clinical trial and research networks in BC, Canada and internationally, including the Global Genomics Alliance, Maternal Infant Child and Youth Research Network (MICYRN) and (BCCRIN), which is now known as Clinical Trials BC.

Dr. Junker has mentored and inspired many clinical trial clinicians and professionals and is an avid supporter of education and training for all research team members.

The Service & Support Award is presented to **Victor Espinosa**, manager, research informatics/statistics at Island Health, who has made distinguished contributions in service and support to advance clinical trials in BC.

The award recognizes Victor's contributions to good data practices in clinical research, quality improvement, and health services management throughout BC and Canada over the past 20 years.

His work in developing secure data management and statistical analysis systems has been instrumental in supporting clinical trial capacity and infrastructure building in the province and beyond. By validating and leveraging accessibility to [REDCap](#), Victor has enabled clinical trial researchers with access to a validated electronic data capture platform that meets strict regulatory requirements. He is an active member of the international REDCap Consortium and recognized as a "REDCap All Star" in 2022 for his involvement and extensive contributions of clinical trial modules, processes and training elements. His work continues to support hundreds of clinical and health service research initiatives across BC and North America.

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About the Clinical Trials BC Annual Awards

For more information, please visit: [Clinical Trials BC Annual Awards](#).

About Clinical Trials BC

[Clinical Trials BC](#) supports clinical trial investigators, sites and institutions to ensure a world-class destination for clinical trials. Focusing on infrastructure and capacity building with a collaborative approach, we enable clinical trial excellence across British Columbia. As part of [Michael Smith Health Research BC](#), our mission is to maximize the health, educational and economic benefits of clinical trials to the citizens of British Columbia.

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