

*Dear Section of Researchers' member,*

*Canada 's primary healthcare system is undergoing major reform - - and it needs sufficient policy-relevant research to guide meaningful change. A new study by Grant Russell et al. (entitled [Mapping the future of primary healthcare research in Canada](#) ) says quality primary care is being compromised because the country lacks sufficient research capacity. This Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) commissioned study calls on the government as well as universities, professional organizations and research funders to take action. Nearly 50 Canadian primary healthcare researchers attended a pre- NAPCRG (North American Primary Care Research Group) 2007 meeting in Vancouver to hear more about the CHSRF commissioned report by Russell et al..*

*The report's proposed action plan brings a much needed strategic approach to advancing primary healthcare research in Canada . In particular, the CFPC's Section of Researchers believe that the following developments should be encouraged, in support of this report:*

- The continued inclusion of a focus on primary healthcare research within the mandate of CHSRF to advance Canada 's primary healthcare research agenda*
- The development of a coordinating body hosted by CHSRF to develop strategies (including potential funding mechanisms and organizational models) for developing, supporting and enhancing policy relevant research capacity and knowledge transfer activities in primary healthcare*

*As the primary professional association representing family physicians and the academic research departments of Family Medicine in Canada the CFPC and it's Section of Researchers are very encouraged by the report. There has been a discrepancy between the support for primary healthcare renewal and support provided for primary healthcare research in Canada . Experience has shown that nations with a strong primary care orientation can provide coordinated initiatives with established funding for relevant primary healthcare research, sustainable high quality research training for both clinician investigators and research scientists, and assured, long-term support for practice-based research networks (PBRNs). A coordinating body, such as that described in the report, is a very valuable primary healthcare research capacity building tool.*

*The Section of Researchers, with it's experienced cadre of primary care researchers, supports the CFPC in their offer of collaboration to CHSRF in bringing a more strategic primary healthcare research agenda to Canada .*

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## Research News

**\*Dr. Moira Stewart, a leading Canadian family medicine researcher, has been chosen by the College of Family Physicians of Canada as the recipient of the Family Medicine Researcher of the Year Award for 2007.** We take pride in Moira's successes and encourage you to read more about Moira's research on the patient centred method of care and her other research at:[http://www.cfpc.ca/local/files/Research/Section\\_of\\_Research/FMRY2007.pdf](http://www.cfpc.ca/local/files/Research/Section_of_Research/FMRY2007.pdf)

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**\*Menopause Study Wins CFPC Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article of the Year for 2006.** Read more about this detailed randomized controlled trial with direct relevance to menopausal women dy by Dr. Jacqui Lewis et.al. at:  
[http://www.cfpc.ca/local/files/Research/Section\\_of\\_Research/OFMRA2006.pdf](http://www.cfpc.ca/local/files/Research/Section_of_Research/OFMRA2006.pdf)

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**\*Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents** again reveal treasures of primary care research relevance from Dr. Patrick Merret from McGill University, for his project entitled, "Strategies to Prevent Varicella Among Newly Arrived Immigrants and Refugees: A Cost-Effectiveness Analysis." Dr. Merrett presented his findings during Research Day October 10, 2007. Additionally awarded are Drs. Jan M. Sommers and Marie-Josée Klett, from Dalhousie University, for their project entitled, "Troponin I assessment of middle-aged adults in the emergency department: Factors associated with troponin elevation and patterns of use." Dr. Klett presented their findings during Research Day, October 10, 2007.

View [photo highlights of Research Day and the Section of Researchers Awards Dinner in Winnipeg during FMF 2007.](#)

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### **Impact of Electronic Knowledge Resources on Clinicians - Study participants needed!**

This study is funded by CIHR. We are now recruiting participants. Please write to [roland.grad@mcgill.ca](mailto:roland.grad@mcgill.ca) or [pierre.pluye@mcgill.ca](mailto:pierre.pluye@mcgill.ca) if interested. Investigators: GRAD, Roland M (co-PI) and PLUYE, Pierre (co-PI) DALKIR, Kimiz / HANLEY, James A / MACAULAY, Ann C / MARLOW, Bernard A - 4 0 family doctors will receive a new pocket PC PDA to search InfoRetriever, in particular for answers to their clinical questions. Participants will also use handheld software called Information Assessment Method (IAM). Using IAM, participants will evaluate their searches for a 1-year period. They will do this by indicating if each search was relevant, applied, and had positive or negative cognitive impact, choosing among statements like "I learned something new" or "I disagree with this information." If valid, IAM may help researchers to compare and evaluate the impact of clinical information. In addition, IAM may help authors to

capture user feedback. The study will also explore the relationship between information that is pushed to clinicians on e-mail and then pulled at some later time. Incentives for participants include:

- 80% subsidy to buy a pocket PC phone, or 100% subsidy to buy a pocket PC PDA. We are suggesting the htc 6300 (PDA, cell phone and camera). We will pay for all software e.g. 1-year subscription to InfoRetriever.
- Training to use IAM and InfoRetriever.
- Automatic tracking and reporting of M1 credits for InfoRetriever searches.
- Support - We will help to build a virtual community of practice for participants.

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**Supply, Distribution and Migration of Canadian Physicians, 2006** - This report is produced by the Canadian Institute for Health Information to support health human resource planning and research efforts. This report provides demographic and descriptive statistics for physicians in 2006, including international entries and exits, as well as migration within Canada. ☐

### **Website Research Info to-go!**

**Population Health Research Group (PHR)** - The mission of the Population Health Research Group (PHR) - University of Waterloo - is to help scientists and decision makers design, test and disseminate leading edge research to improve public and population health. ☐

### **Conference Opportunities**

**"Bridging Silos" - the 2008 CAHSPR Conference** - The Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research invites you to submit an abstract for the 2008 Conference being hosted in Gatineau, Quebec. The goal of the CAHSPR Conference is to bridge across the various silos that exist within our system and unite researchers, decision makers and policy makers in the common purpose of preparing for change in the priority areas of our healthcare system. Deadline for submissions is December 15th 2007. The event will be held on May 26-28, 2008. ☐

**Protecting People While Increasing Knowledge: Ethics in Health Research** - The Alberta Research Ethics Community Consensus Initiative (ARECCI) and its partners are pleased to bring you this inaugural national conference on managing the ethics oversight of a spectrum of knowledge generating activities in Canada's health care and research system. The event will take place in Calgary on May 4-6, 2008. ☐

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### **Research Funding Opportunities**

**Homelessness and Diversity Issues in Canada** - A Strategic Joint Initiative of SSHRC and the Homelessness Partnering Secretariat of **Human Resources and Social Development Canada**. Strategic Research, Public Outreach and Conference Grants **Regulations Governing Grant Applications - Definitions** - next application deadline January 9, 2008.

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**2008 CHSRF/CIHR Postdoctoral Awards Competition** - The 2008 Postdoctoral Awards

competition\* call for applications [http://www.chsrf.ca/cadre/postdoctoral\\_awards\\_e.php](http://www.chsrf.ca/cadre/postdoctoral_awards_e.php) is now available. The deadline to submit applications is November 29, 2007. Please feel free to forward this notice to anyone who may be interested in applying to either competition.

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**The Rising Star Award** is intended to recognize the research excellence and knowledge translation (KT) initiatives of upcoming Canadian graduate students (M.A., M.Sc. and PhD) and post-doctoral Fellows in the area of health services and policy research. Through this award, IHSPR will recognize, on an annual basis, up to five (5) Canadian graduate students in all fields and disciplines related to health services and policy research. Each awardee will receive a certificate of excellence and an award of \$1000 (preferably used to present research at a scientific meeting), and will be profiled on the [IHSPR website](#). The application must be filled in using the online application process found on CIHR website. This must be completed and mailed, along with a copy of all items listed above and a hard and electronic copy of your published article, on or before December 15, 2007 to Meghan McMahon at [meghan.mcmahon@utoronto.ca](mailto:meghan.mcmahon@utoronto.ca) Tel: 416-978-5172 Fax: 416-978-5171 or Meghan McMahon, Senior Projects Officer, Communications and Knowledge Translation, CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research, Ste 207-B, Banting Building, 100 College Street, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON M5G 1L5.

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**The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI)** is inviting applications from organizations interested in enabling students to participate in patient safety work. Funding is to support the work of students in any healthcare profession, as well as other disciplines (including but not limited to social sciences, human kinetics, psychology and human factors) interested in patient safety. The goal is to create new collaborative learning opportunities aligned with the mandate of CPSI. Students are required to be the major resource in carrying out the tasks involved in each patient safety project.

THE PERSON WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE WORK OF THE STUDENT of organizations such as universities, health regions, and hospitals, non-governmental or not-for-profit private organizations that are interested in accessing additional resources to augment their matching funds to enable students to participate in patient safety work can apply. Applying organizations must provide matching funding. Submission deadline: Friday, December 14 at 4:00 pm ET.

Studentship page:

- English: <http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/education/studentships.html>
- French: <http://www.patientsafetyinstitute.ca/education/studentshipsfr.html>

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<http://www.cfpc.ca/English/cfpc/research/kaleidoscope/default.asp?s=1>

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