

*Dear Section of Researchers' member,*

*Spring is awash with research conference deadlines and we encourage you to consider submitting your work to your local research day. The 7th WESTERN DEPARTMENTS OF FAMILY MEDICINE is taking place on May 24th in Edmonton, the TRILLIUM RESEARCH CONFERENCE is scheduled for June 1st at University of Western Ontario , and the NAPCRG submission deadline is April 17th (NOW!). Check out the details in the Kaleidoscope "Conference Opportunities" section as we all await the arrival of spring once again.*

### Research News

#### 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS)



#### **Final Reminder**

The final reminders to participate in the National Physician Survey are in the mail. Don't miss this last opportunity to add your perspective to Canada's most important medical survey by submitting your completed questionnaire no later than May 31, 2007.

Every response counts! More participants will help ensure more informed decisions by governments, educators and regulators about the future of medicine in Canada.

Watch for your envelope in the mail over the coming days and be sure to participate. If you have already completed the survey, we thank you for taking the time to provide your insight.

**More respondents = More informed decisions for the future**

<http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca>

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**Reorganizing primary care networks in Quebec for better healthcare system performance is the focus of *INFOLETTER*** . Primary care forms the core of current transformations of the healthcare system in several ways. First, because it constitutes the main point of contact between the healthcare system and patients, and second, because there currently is a determination to focus more directly on the role that private medical clinics can play in improving primary care. This issue of *Infoletter* presents some findings and thoughts about new models for organizing primary care services that have been introduced in Quebec. In particular, Dr. Marie-Dominique Beaulieu et al. present the findings of a study designed to assess implementation of the first family medicine groups, from the perspectives of reorganizing work and of professional

collaboration. The study also documented the experience of care from the patient's viewpoint.

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**NAPCRG Reviewers Wanted:** If you are interested in serving as a reviewer for NAPCRG 2007, please contact Kelly Parry at 800-274-2237 or 913-906-6000, ext. 5422, or via e-mail at [kparry@stfm.org](mailto:kparry@stfm.org).

### **New! CIHR Regional Partnership Program award to FM Researchers\* 2007**

The Maritime Family Practice Research Network (MaRNet-FP) team was successful in obtaining funding for their project "Hypertension in type 2 diabetes in primary care: How much do drugs matter in reaching target blood pressures?" through the Regional Partnership Program (RPP) of CIHR and Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation (NSHRF) in the March 06 competition (Oct 1, 2006-Sept 30, 2009). Through that program, CIHR will pay 50% of the total, Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation (NSHRF) 25% of the total, and the remaining 25% will come from other partners. For Year 1, the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation (DMRF) and Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine (DUFM) contributed the remaining funding, and for Years 2 and 3, it will be Heart & Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia (HSF-NS) specifically. Because CIHR cut all funding for equipment out of operating grants, MaRNet-FP received an equipment grant from the Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine (DUFM) and Capital Health District Authority in Nova Scotia (CHDA-NS) for the purchase of automated blood-pressure measuring equipment. The total operating grant for three years is \$264,884, and the equipment grant was \$26,573.

#### **Regional Partnership Program community team members:**

Dr. Farokh Buhariwalla, Sydney NS;  
Dr. Mary Goodfellow, Saint John NB;  
Dr. Rose Anne Goodine, Woodstock NB;  
Dr. Jennifer Hall, Saint John NB;  
Dr. Kendrick Lacey, Stanley NB;  
Dr. Ian MacDonald, Fredericton NB;  
Dr. Michael Murray, Truro NS;  
Dr. Preston Smith, Moncton NB.

#### **University-based team members:**

**Dr. Wayne Putnam (co- Principal Investigator Dalhousie Family Medicine)**  
**Dr. Fred Burge, (co-Principal Investigator Dalhousie Family Medicine)**  
Ms. Beverley Lawson (co-investigator Dalhousie Family Medicine)  
Dr. Ingrid Sketris (co-investigators Dalhousie Family Medicine)  
Dr. Paul Veugelers (co-investigator Dalhousie College of Pharmacy)  
Dr. Nandini Natarajan (co-investigator Dalhousie Department of Medicine;  
Dr. Paul Veugelers (co-investigator University of Alberta School of Public Health)  
Dr. Elizabeth Mann (co-investigator Dalhousie Family Medicine)  
Dr. Marshall Godwin (co-investigator Memorial Primary Healthcare Research Unit)

\* if we have missed announcing other applicable CIHR awards to FM researchers please e-mail [all@cfpc.ca](mailto:all@cfpc.ca).

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

The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre announce the release of their **new website** Effective March 21, 2007, please bookmark <http://www.ccnc.cochrane.org> and update any links to the CCNC you may have on your website. This new site is more user-friendly and

contains, or will contain, information geared towards specific audiences such as: authors, health care providers, consumers, and policy-makers. It is in its formative stages but the Network generate materials and tools they will be adding more useful information, so please visit regularly. The presentations from The 5th Canadian Cochrane Symposium: Knowledge for Health are now available under the 'Workshops and Events' section.

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**The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF)** announces their new, free online database of resources designed for health services organizations that wish to use research better. The database collects resources identified and developed by the foundation and others and provides a one-stop shop for tools — including strategies, stories, frameworks, evaluation plans, and literature that leads to action — that can help health system managers, policy makers, and their organizations acquire, appraise, adapt, and apply relevant research in their work. By improving their use of research in decision-making, health system decision makers can be confident they are making the best possible choices to improve the health of Canadians.

Future additions to the database will include resources to help organizations create and share research. Resources that relate to categories such as networks, knowledge brokering, exchanges, and dissemination will be gathered and added to the database. Please send your questions and feedback to [tools@chsrf.ca](mailto:tools@chsrf.ca). To access the database please click here: [http://www.chsrf.ca/knowledge\\_transfer/tools\\_e.php](http://www.chsrf.ca/knowledge_transfer/tools_e.php).

### **Conference Opportunities**

**The 7th WESTERN DEPARTMENTS OF FAMILY MEDICINE CONFERENCE** is set to be hosted by the Department of Family Medicine, University of Alberta on Friday, May 25, 2007 (8:00 am – 5:00 pm) at the Fantasyland Hotel in the West Edmonton Mall. Objectives of the conference are:

- to bring together Family Medicine Researchers from Western Canadian provinces (but not limited to these provinces)
- to provide an opportunity for free standing paper presentations of scholarly work
- to promote thematic discussions in areas of common research interests
- to facilitate Western Canadian collaborative research projects.

You are invited to present your current research, completed or work-in-progress at the meeting, on a topic of relevance to family medicine. To obtain an abstract form or to register please contact Shufen Edmondstone at (780) 492-8102 or e-mail [sedmondstone@med.ualberta.ca](mailto:sedmondstone@med.ualberta.ca) (continental breakfast, lunch & coffee breaks provided). There is no charge to attend this meeting. DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION & ABSTRACT SUBMISSION: TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007.

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**Trillium Primary Care Research Forum** - hosted by University of Western Ontario this year. This forum ongoing collaboration between the Departments of Family Medicine at University of Western Ontario, University of Toronto and McMaster University. This year's Martin Bass lecture will be presented by Dr. Ann Macaulay from McGill University. Abstracts are being requested for both paper (oral) and poster presentations. The deadline for these submissions is May 4th 2007. For more information, please contact Andrea Burt at (519) 661-2111 x 22078 or [ajburt2@uwo.ca](mailto:ajburt2@uwo.ca)

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## Family Medicine Forum (FMF) – October 11-13, 2007

Call for Posters (General) - **Deadline: May 15, 2007**



The Section of Researchers **RESEARCH DAY** is October 10th 2007!!

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**Call for Papers for the 2007 NAPCRG Annual Meeting, October 20-23 in Vancouver, British Columbia, is now posted on the NAPCRG Web site at <http://www.napcrg.org/napcrgpresenter/submission/>. All submissions for NAPCRG 2007 must be received using our convenient and secure online system. The deadline for submissions is April 17, 2007.**

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**4th Guidelines International Network (GIN) Conference** - Collaboration in Clinical Practice Guidelines Local, national, and international cooperation in synthesizing and applying best evidence. August 22-25th 2007 University of Toronto Conference Centre. Toronto, Ontario. **IMPORTANT DATES: Online Registration Now Open! Abstract Submission Deadline: March 29, 2007 Hotel Reservation Deadline: June 22, 2007**

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**6th Annual Network Conference - Research at work June 9-11, 2007 Calgary, Alberta Westin Calgary.** The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network is pleased to launch the 6th Annual Network Conference Web site at <http://www.cllrnet.ca/anc2007> – the place to get all the current information on what's happening at this year's conference. Exciting pre-conference seminars focusing on education and early childhood development are scheduled, as well as informative symposia on family and Aboriginal literacy. Students are also invited to participate in the student symposium taking place on June 9, 2007. It is now time to register for the conference! Please visit <http://www.cllrnet.ca/anc2007>. Register before April 21, 2007 to receive an early bird discount on your registration fee! Please send any questions to [anc2007@cllrnet.ca](mailto:anc2007@cllrnet.ca).

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**Leadership in Science Forum at the CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH)** - The goal of the ICRH Leadership in Science Forum is to provide senior trainees (PhD students in their final 2 years; Post Doctoral Fellows) and new investigators (up to 10 years since first Faculty appointment) with the opportunity of (1) developing leadership skills; (2) learning about new and emerging research findings in the area of circulatory and respiratory health; and

(3) networking with colleagues and mentors. Due to limited availability of space, the Leadership in Science Forum will only accommodate 240 participants. To encourage the participation of senior trainees and new investigators, pre-determined number of spaces has been allotted for researchers from various career levels: 84 New Investigators, 84 Post Doctoral Fellows, 60 PhD students, and 12 MSc students (This ratio may change, depending on demand). The ICRH supports research in all four CIHR themes (biomedical, clinical, health services and systems, and population and public health) and encourages researchers from all four CIHR themes to register. Registration is on a first come first serve basis. **Register today and secure your participation at the Forum!**

## **Research Funding Opportunities**

**Collaborative Health Research (CHRP) (NSERC Partnered)** Letter of Intent deadline: May 1, 2007 Full Application Deadline: October 1, 2007. The **CHRP program** supports focused collaborative research projects involving any field of the natural sciences and engineering and the health sciences. The proposed project may range from fundamental knowledge creation to research on knowledge application relevant to industry or public policy. In partnership the **Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA)** will provide funding for applications that are relevant to the Physical Activity, Mobility and Health, Tissue Injury, Repair and Replacement and Pain, Disability and Chronic Diseases Strategic Research Priority areas. The CIHR-IMHA encourages researchers across disciplines within the Arthritis, Bone, Skin, Muscle, Oral Health and/or Rehabilitation Research communities, and across all four of CIHR research pillars to develop research in these research areas.

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**Workshop/Symposia Support In collaboration with Knowledge Translation Branch.** An important part of CIHR's mandate is to translate knowledge into improved health for Canadians. Knowledge translation (KT) is the exchange, synthesis and ethically-sound application of knowledge - within a complex system of interactions among researchers and users - to accelerate the capture of the benefits of research for Canadians through improved health, more effective services and products, and a strengthened health care system. The CIHR KT Branch will provide partial support of workshops and symposia, which either support KT research and/or contribute to building networks. For this competition, additional funds are available to encourage and support applications related to pandemic preparedness. Next round of applications must be courier stamped prior May 1 2007.

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**Team Grant: Pandemic Preparedness Research - Influenza Biology, Vaccines, Ethics, Legal and Social Research** In collaboration with Public Health Agency of Canada CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health Canadian Food Inspection Agency. The purpose of this Request for Applications is to strengthen Canadian research in preparation for a potential influenza pandemic by funding three-year team projects to conduct research on vaccines, the biology of the influenza virus including the animal-human interface and the social, ethical and legal issues related to preventing and responding to a pandemic. It is expected that this targeted investment will identify strategies to prevent or mitigate a pandemic outbreak as well as methods and procedures to control disease spread (both human to human and from animals to humans) and to treat affected individuals. It is anticipated that the research results will also aid in the continued development of pandemic preparedness plans. Letter of Intent must be courier stamped by June 15, 2007.

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Previous editions of Kaleidoscope including funding opportunities can be found at:  
<http://www.cfpc.ca/English/cfpc/research/kaleidoscope/default.asp?s=1>

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