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Dear Section of Researchers' member,

FMF is right around the corner and RESEARCH DAY will start us off Wednesday October 10th 2007 in the Albert and Victoria Rooms at the Delta Hotel in beautiful Winnipeg. You can check out the [RESEARCH DAY details in the updated FMF programme on pages 17-20](#) and an FMF research TRAIL MAP will be available in your FMF kit to help you plan your FMF continuing education experience this year....and don't forget to [register](#) for the 4th annual Section of Researchers banquet at the [SALISBURY HOUSE](#) which sits on the Provencher Bridge overlooking the Red River.

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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY INSTITUTE-A practical five-day introduction to critical appraisal skills and evidence-based practice and policy for clinicians, decision-makers, industry representatives and novice researchers. November 12-16, 2007
University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario

- Understand and appraise various study designs.
- Learn basic statistical concepts used to analyze quantitative health data.
- Understand systematic reviews, meta analysis and how data can be synthesized to

determine clinical practice guidelines.

Taught by the internationally-renowned Clinical Epidemiology faculty of the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. For detailed course descriptions, faculty and registration details, visit <http://www.utoronto.ca/hpme/cei/index.html>

***PRE-NAPCRG workshop entitled: "Joining an International Collaborative Research Network to Investigate Multimorbidity in Primary Care."** This workshop will be held on Saturday, October 20th during the 35th NAPCRG Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia. Although this workshop is not in the official program of the NAPCRG conference this preconference workshop is endorsed by the NAPCRG Special Interest Group on Multimorbidity/Comorbidity and is supported by the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR). There is no extra fee to participate in this workshop that will last for the full day (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) and for which a lunch will be provided free of charge to all participants. The summary of the workshop is described below. If you are interested in multimorbidity, please come and join us in Vancouver. To confirm your attendance please send an email to: martin.fortin@usherbrooke.ca

The IRCMo team:

- Martin Fortin MD MSc CMFC, Research Chair on Chronic Diseases in Primary Care, U of Sherbrooke, Canada
 - Hassan Soubhi MD PhD, University of Sherbrooke, Canada
 - Catherine Hudon MD MSc CMFC, University of Sherbrooke, Canada
 - Elizabeth A Bayliss MD, Kaiser Permanente, University of Colorado
 - Marjan van den Akker PhD, Maastricht University, Netherlands
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Plan to Participate, Plan to Pledge: Help us promote Family Medicine at the 3rd Annual Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow! The date for this year's Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow is Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 7:00 am - 8:00 am at the Family Medicine Forum in Winnipeg. This walk is organized by the **CFPC's Research and Education Foundation (REF)**, and proceeds go towards supporting the CFPC Medical Student Scholarship Program. Everyone is invited to participate in the walk by Walking, Running, or just gathering pledges. For more information please visit us at <http://www.cfpc.ca>. A promotional kit is available at: http://fmig.cfpc.ca/en/walk_for_the_docs_20/

Family Medicine Interest Groups (FMIGs): The REF has also launched a Walk for the Docs of Tomorrow contest between the FMIGs across Canada to raise awareness and funds. If you are a medical student, your medical school's FMIG has a chance to win \$250, a trophy and a banner in support of medical student scholarships. The winning FMIG will be recognized at the 2007 Family Medicine Forum in Winnipeg. Download the FMIG promotional kit at:

http://fmig.cfpc.ca/en/walk_for_the_docs_20/ . If you think your FMIG is interested in participating in this contest and gathering pledges, please contact Pam Cirino pcirino@cfpc.ca ASAP! The FMIG Promotional Kit includes the following items:

1. Promotional sticker templates
 2. A Poster promoting the walk
 3. The official Walk for the Docs Logos, and
 4. A new Walk for the Docs online pledge tool!
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The “Transdisciplinary Understanding and Training on Research – Primary Health Care (TUTOR-PHC)” program is accepting applications for its 2008 class of students. Program objectives are: to build a critical mass of skilled, independent researchers through both student and faculty development; and to increase the interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary focus in primary health care research.

SPONSORS OF THE PROGRAM-Now in its sixth year, this innovative national program funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), is a collaboration of investigators from family medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, epidemiology and pharmacy from the following Universities:

- The University of Western Ontario
- Dalhousie University
- McMaster University
- Université de Montréal

APPLICANTS

- Any student/practicing professional regardless of home discipline with an interest in primary health care research
- Academic levels: Masters, PhD, Post-doctoral fellow, mid-career clinicians
- Deadline for application submission is October 31, 2007

FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER BENEFITS

- Strategic Training Fellowships ranging from \$20 000 to \$50 000 per year depending on academic level and health professional status
- Accredited as one full graduate course through The University of Western Ontario
- Trainees receive the distinction of "CIHR Strategic Training Fellow"
- Physicians receive MAINPRO-M1 credits

CURRICULUM - The curriculum spans one year (May 2008-April 2009) and includes:

- A three-day symposium held in May
- On-line lab/discussion groups (total of approx. 12 weeks)
- On-line workshops (total of 6 weeks) and
- Mentoring of students by established primary care researchers

QUESTIONS? Website: <http://www.uwo.ca/fammed/csfm/tutor-phc> e-mail: tutor@uwo.ca
Phone: 519-661-2111 x22089 Leslie Meredith, program coordinator. Moira Stewart, PhD Principal Investigator, CIHR Strategic Training Program “TUTOR-PHC” Dr. Brian W. Gilbert Canada Research Chair in Primary Health Care Professor of Family Medicine, Director, Centre for Studies in Family Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, The University of Western Ontario

New! CIHR Award(s) to FM Researchers* 2007

1. Title: "Impact of technology enabled knowledge translation: Validity of a new assessment method" - An operating grant of \$217,500 for a 2 Yrs 6 months project in funded in the March 2007 CIHR open competition assessed by the Knowledge Translation and Exchange Peer Review Committee. See:http://www.cihr.ca/e/documents/200703mop_e.htm When health professionals look for information, there is no validated method to systematically assess

the impact of information they retrieve. This research will test a method to examine the cognitive and behavioural impact of retrieved clinical information. If this information impact assessment method is valid, it will contribute to research to evaluate retrieved clinical information with implications for CME and assessing the quality of databases.

Co-Principal Investigators:

- **GRAD, Roland M - Department of Family Medicine McGill University**
- **PLUYE, Pierre - Department of Family Medicine McGill University**

Co-applicants:

- MARLOW, Bernard A - College of Family Physicians of Canada
- HANLEY, James A - Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McGill University
- MACAULAY, Ann C - Department of Family Medicine McGill University
- DALKIR, Kimiz / Information Studies, Faculty of Education, McGill University

2. Title: "What are the predictors of quality primary-care medical services? A comparative study of different organizational models in Québec" - An award of \$169,802 each year for 3 years assessed by the Health Services Evaluation and Interventions Research-B Peer Review Committee. See: http://www.cihr.ca/e/documents/200703mop_e.htm . The objective of this study, which is both observational and analytical, is to compare variations in quality of care and in the management of patients with chronic illnesses, in different types of primary-care organizations (n=60). This study aims to identify internal and external (ENLEVER STRUCTURAL) and organizational factors that support high-quality clinical practices. The analytical framework addresses three dimensions: clinical care, practice organization, and patient experience. Three types of clinical settings will be studied in the regions of Central Montreal , the Mauricie, and Quebec-Centre: family medicine groups, CLSCs, and (enlever private et adjouter: fee for service group practices. In a context of relative scarcity of professional resources, this study will provide new data on the effectiveness of various organizational models for primary-care services by linking them with measurements of clinical outcomes. The methodology will also make it possible to develop a set of tools for measuring primary-care service performance that take into account different dimensions, i.e., achievement of clinical outcomes objectives, user satisfaction, and the evaluation of care processes.

Principal Invesitgator:

- **BEAULIEU, Marie-Dominique-Centre Hosp.de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM)
Département de médecine familiale de l'Université de Montréal**

Co-applicants:

- BARNESLEY, Janet-Department of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation Uof Toronto
- BONIN, Lucie -
- BRUNELLE, Yvon
- DENIS, Jean-Louis
- DUPLAIN, Réjean-Département de médecine familiale de l'Ude Montréal
- GENEAU, Robert
- GOUDREAU, Johanne
- HAGGERTY, Jeannie L - Département de médecine familiale de l'Ude Montréal
- HOGG, William E - Département de médecine familiale de l'Ude Ottawa
- HUDON, Éveline - Département de médecine familiale de l'Ude Montréal

- TOUSIGNANT, Pierre

3. Title: Improving patient safety: the impact of access to an electronic medication history for reducing preventable adverse drug events. An award of \$37,782 each year for 2 Yr(s) assessed by the Health Services Evaluation & Interventions Research Peer Review Committee. See: http://www.cihr.ca/e/documents/200703mop_e.htm.

Principal Investigator:

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- GRAD, Roland M-Department of Family Medicine McGill University
- MACGIBBON, Brenda- Department of Mathematics at Université du Québec à Montréal
- PLUYE, Pierre-Department of Family Medicine McGill University
- POISSANT, Lise- École de réadaptions at Université de Montréal
- RODRIGUEZ, Charo-Department of Family Medicine McGill University
- ROSENBERG, Ellen E-Department of Family Medicine McGill University
- TAYLOR, Laurel K- Department of Medicine at McGill

4. Title: "Medical Students' Declining Interest in Family Medicine: A Discursive Explanation" an award of \$48,083 assessed by the Humanities Perspectives on Health Peer Review Committee. See: http://www.cihr.ca/e/decision_media/2007/200704mop_e.pdf

Principal Investigator:

- **RODRIGUEZ, Charo**-Dept. of Family Medicine McGill University

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- PAWLIKOWSKA, Teresa R
- PEILE, Edward B
- SCHWEYER, François- Xavier
- TELLIER, Pierre-Paul- Medical Education and Student Affairs Faculty of Medicine McGill University

5. Title: Aniswabe Kenendazone: building from the Ottawa ACADRE assessed by the Network Environment for Aboriginal Health Research Peer Review Committee. http://www.cihr.ca/e/decision_media/2007/200702ner_e.pdf

Principal Investigators:

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- EDWARDS, Nancy C
- EGELAND, Grace M
- FINDLAY, Christopher S
- FLYNN, Robert J
- GIBSON, Nancy L
- GLASS, Kathleen C
- GRAY-DONALD, Katherine A
- GREEN, Michael E - Department of Family Medicine Queens University
- HADDAD, Pierre S
- HARPER, Elijah
- LITTLE, Julian
- LÉVESQUE, Lucie
- O'CONNOR, Annette M
- RECEVEUR, Olivier
- ROSENBERG, Mark W
- SHEA, Beverley J
- TORRIE, Jill E
- TROCME, Nico
- TUGWELL, Peter S
- VOLLANT, Stanley
- WELLS, George A
- YEATES, Karen

6. Title: How health professionals apply information derived from electronic knowledge resources in everyday clinical practice. New Investigator Award to PLUYE, Pierre Department of Family Medicine McGill University updated June 12, 2007. see: <http://www.irsc.gc.ca/e/33802.html>

* if we have missed announcing other applicable CIHR awards to FM researchers please e-mail all@cfpc.ca.

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The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation: Until now, the healthcare system has not done much to help patients become informed consumers who can work with their doctors to make the right treatment decision. To read a summary of ***“Promoting informed choice: Transforming healthcare to dispense knowledge for decision-making”*** by Steven H. Woolf, Evelyn C.Y. Chan, Russell Harris, Stacey L. Sheridan, Clarence H. Braddock, Robert M. Kaplan, Alex Krist, Annette M. O'Connor and Sean Tunis , please see the latest issue of ***Insight and Action***.

Conference Opportunities

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



The Section of Researchers **RESEARCH DAY** is October 10th 2007!! See pages 17-20 of the **Scientific Program** for details.

A **Trail Map** of Research and Education presentations will be available on-site! If you **register on-line** be sure to register for WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10, 07-or you can use the **fax-back registration form**

Don't forget to join us for the 4th annual Section of Researchers banquet at the SALISBURY HOUSE which sits on the Provencher Bridge overlooking the Red River.

New for 2007- NAPCRG New Zealand Special Regional Meeting - NAPCRG is pleased to announce the first New Zealand Regional Meeting, which will be held at the School of Population Health, Tamaki Campus, at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, on October 17, 2007. We cordially invite you to take part in this special meeting prior to the main **NAPCRG Annual Meeting in Vancouver, October 20-23, 2007**.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: A Canadian Cancer Research Conference Celebrating NCIC's 60th Anniversary WHEN: November 15-17, 2007-WHERE: Intercontinental Toronto Centre, 225 Front Street West, Toronto-WHO: This conference is intended for cancer researchers and those working within the broader research community. NCIC invites you to join leading cancer researchers from Canada and around the world who will be speaking about recent advances in cancer research across the cancer spectrum. <http://www.ncic.cancer.ca>

Conference themes will include:

- Prevention
- Early detection and predisposition to cancer
- Novel therapeutic interventions
- Survivorship and supportive care
- Knowledge transfer

For the first time, **Health Human Resources 2007: Connecting Issues and People** will bring together health care professionals, planners, researchers and leaders in health human resources (HHR) from across the country. On December 4 to 6, this national conference will offer a unique opportunity to connect with a variety of people on important HHR issues in Canada-- but you can visit the **conference website** to start connecting today! Learn more about Health Human

Resources 2007! Find out more about who is involved in bringing you this Canada-wide conference, and get a look at our [preliminary program](#) of events. The [call for abstracts](#) is now open. The conference program presentations will focus on the following areas:

- Data, Research and Knowledge Translation
- Linking Education with HHR
- Getting the Right Mix
- Recruitment and Retention

Research Funding Opportunities

The Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network invites graduate students to apply for \$5000 scholarship supplement awards. A maximum of 10 supplements are available to qualified students. To be eligible for the awards, applications must be received by September 28, 2007. The purpose of the \$5000 award is to fund activities that provide students with outstanding opportunities for collaboration across laboratories, disciplines, private, and public sectors. Although these opportunities may be in continuity with the student's regular academic activities toward completion of a thesis or of graduate course work, they have to provide something unique that would not be accessible through services the student's university may offer. Furthermore, the Network encourages student training in the areas of knowledge transfer and technology development by working with our Partners and Core Facilities. To get full details on eligibility, supplement activities of last year's winners, application guidelines, and deadline information [click here](#).

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) is pleased to announce its [third research grants competition to continue its strategic mandate of increasing the scope and scale of research and evaluation activities in patient safety](#). The primary goal for CPSI research granting activity is to develop knowledge about patient safety that can be helpful in a variety of settings and circumstances in organizations across Canada. Research funded will have patient safety as a primary focus. Consideration will be given to teams of Researchers, Decision Makers, and others interested in conducting applied research, evaluation, and knowledge transfer initiatives to improve safety in one or more of the eight critical areas of focus for this year's competition. Please email CPSI at rfa@cpsi-icsp.ca for an application form or with any questions or need for clarification. To ensure consistency of information provided, telephone responses to queries will not be accommodated.

Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grants from CIHR are intended to provide support for meetings, planning and/or dissemination activities consistent with the mandate of CIHR and relevant to CIHR Institutes, Initiatives, or Branches. Application Deadline October 1, 2007. Activities eligible for funding may include, but are not limited to, the following examples:

- Scientific meetings where the sharing of information takes place (workshops, symposia, conferences, colloquia, etc...);
- Gatherings of health researchers, non-researchers, and/or users of health research where the main objective is to facilitate collaboration among individuals or groups (for example, consensus meetings, planning and/or development meetings, networking and partnership development events);
- Opportunities for knowledge exchange involving stakeholder linkages (to inform practice,

care, and/or policy).

Emerging Team Grant : Applied Health Services and Policy Research Partner(s) / Collaborator(s) CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research in partnership with CIHR Institute of Genetics; CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis; CIHR Institute of Aging; CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health; Health Canada and the Canadian Patient Safety Institute LOI deadline: 2007-11-01 .

An interesting funding opportunity offered by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund (BWF); the Career Awards for Medical Scientist (CAMS). As an independent private foundation, the Burroughs Wellcome Fund seeks to accomplish two primary goals: to help scientist early in their careers to develop as independent investigators, and to advance fields in the basic biomedical sciences that are undervalued or in need of particular encouragement. The Career Awards for Medical Scientist program provides to each recipient \$700,000 over five years to bridge advanced post-doctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty services. Candidates eligible to this funding opportunity must hold a clinical degree such as a M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm. D., and be a clinical fellow, resident, instructor or a postdoctoral researcher and have at least two years of research experience at the time of application. Funding is available to candidates who are committed to a full-time career in research as an independent investigator at a North American degree-granting institution. Candidates must be citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada at the time of application and **must be nominated by their Dean or department chair**. CIHR encourages you to share this information with potentially eligible trainees working in your research environment. The deadline to submit nominations is **October 1, 2007** . For further information, we encourage you to consult the BWF website to obtain further information about this program, its detailed eligibility requirements and application guidelines. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Rolly Simpson, Program Officer, BWF by email at rsimpton@bwfund.org or Annik Pilon-Lefebvre-Program Delivery Officer, Research Capacity Development Tel. : 613-954-1813 Fax : 613-954-1800 Email : apilon@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

CIHR Funding Opportunity - Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI) - Letters of Intent Deadlines: October 1, 2007 Deadlines for Invited Full Applicants: March 17, 2008 - CIHR and its partners are pleased to announce that the 4th annual **PHSI competition** will be launched mid-July. The PHSI initiative supports teams of researchers and decision makers interested in conducting applied health research useful to health system managers and/or policy makers. Successful teams conduct projects of up to three years duration in high priority thematic areas within health services, health systems and policy research (including public health).

CIHR and a variety of partners, including provincial health research organizations, provincial governments and the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, support the PHSI initiative. For more information on this funding opportunity, please visit CIHR website in mid-July or contact Marilyn Desrosiers at PHSI-PASS@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

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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