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### Dear Members

**Good news to report!** We have recently learned that Dr. Stewart Harris, a leader in primary care family medicine diabetes research in Canada and Section of Researchers member, has assumed the **newly created Canadian Diabetes Association Chair in Diabetes Management** at the University of Western Ontario, effective February 1st 2008.

The new opportunity will allow Dr. Harris to build on his past research experience, which comprises an outstanding body of work that has been instrumental in providing new care delivery directions for family physicians whose patients already suffer from the disease as well as those who are most at risk. In particular, his work on translational research on improving the management of diabetes in primary care settings and his focus on high risk populations, including new and Aboriginal Canadians, has provided new directions in helping family physicians work with patients to promote lifestyle changes as a method of helping control the disease.

We congratulate Dr. Harris and wish him well in his new endeavour. To view a selection of Dr. Harris' publications [click here](#).

In addition to the great news about Stewart Harris our hearts are bursting with pride because no less than six (6) new family medicine led research teams have received CIHR grants. Check out the details in our **CIHR awards** section in the February issue of Kaléidoscope.

Collegially  
The Section of Researchers' Executive  
The College of Family Physicians of Canada

### Research News

#### **The Results of the 2007 National Physician Survey are now available:**

The results of the first phase of the 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS), completed by almost 20,000 physicians from across Canada, were released on January 9. You can access the results, which include national level data from physicians in all medical disciplines,



as well as the 2004 survey results and the NPS methodology paper at [www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca). For a quick look at the topics covered on the questionnaire [click here](#).

Results organized by province/territory and by individual specialties will be available later in the spring. In addition, results for medical students and residents will also be publicly released. After these releases are complete, individual requests for data analyses specific to your areas of interest will be accepted, and a sample of the record-level data will subsequently be made available to researchers for study purposes. Inquiries about NPS 2007 may be directed to Sarah Scott, NPS Coordinator at [sscott@cfpc.ca](mailto:sscott@cfpc.ca) or 1-800-387-6197 ext 289.

The 2007 NPS results are being highlighted in *Canadian Family Physician* with monthly '**Fast Facts**'. The January issue focuses on patients' access to care in the home. While 48% of family physicians offer housecalls to their patients themselves, 59% indicated that housecalls were available to their patients via their practice arrangements.

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**Canada's Health Care Providers, 2007:** Effectively planning and managing Canada's health care workforce is vital to ensuring Canadians can access health services when and where they need them. The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) presents *Canada's Health Care Providers, 2007*, a comprehensive reference on the country's health care workforce. This new report looks at how the health provider landscape has evolved, examines the complexities of health human resources planning and management in the current environment and provides the latest information on supply trends for various health professions.

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**Looking for Practice Based Research Network stories:** The Practice Based Research Network, a sub-committee of the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) is collecting family physicians' Practice Based Research Network stories to assess the types of impacts and influence these types of initiatives have, and to assist in seeking support for PBRNs. If you have a story about how a research network influenced you and would like to share it with the committee, please forward your story to Donna Manca, Clinical Director at the Alberta Family Practice Research Network (AFPRN), at [dmanca@planet.eon.net](mailto:dmanca@planet.eon.net)

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**APHO Briefing:** The Association of Public Health Observatories

(APHO) has published **Statistical process control methods in public health intelligence**, the second in a series of technical briefings designed to support public health practitioners and analysts and to promote the use of public health intelligence in decision making. This briefing looks at the uses of statistical process control (SPC) methods and associated visual display tools (control charts and funnel plots) in public health intelligence, and provides a summary overview. Updates and more material, including methods and tools to support the Technical Briefing series will be made available through the **APHO website**.

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**Building the Case for Quality Initiative:** Every day, millions of Canadians have some sort of encounter with the healthcare system. Many benefit tremendously from the hard work of experienced, dedicated professionals. But it is increasingly clear that many don't get the quality of care they need and deserve. The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) is responding to the increased understanding of the importance of quality with their **Building the Case for Quality Initiative**. The goal of Building the Case for Quality is to raise awareness among healthcare managers, policy makers and others about the evidence on healthcare quality and ways to improve it.

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#### **A National License to The Cochrane Library for Canada - Petition**

Three provinces and a number of organisations in Canada have already recognised the value of The Cochrane Library and have purchased licenses, despite the limited funding available. If Canada were to purchase a National License, the economy of scale is enormous. The current quote for a national license for Canada is \$491,500, or 1.5 cents per Canadian per year. A national license to The Cochrane Library would mean that all Canadians: patients and their families; health care providers working in hospitals and in community settings; researchers; policy- and decision-makers; care-givers and research funding agencies would have access to the full contents of this important and reliable source of evidence about what works in health care treatments. The CMAJ and the Cochrane group are collaborating on a translation initiative to ensure that abstracts are available in French. For more information, **click here...**

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**Medico-Legal Issues and Clinical Intervention Research Contracts:** The **Canadian Medical Protective Association** has recently published general information on Clinical Research Contracts, a document that provides **information for clinical**

**researchers as they review clinical research contracts.** A summary of common medico-legal issues that might surface in the context of clinical trials, the paper provides a summary for members and their legal counsel, and assistance in understanding and assessing issues in the context of a specific contract.

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**Health Indicators: Fundamentals e-Learning product:** CIHI presents the Health Indicators: Fundamentals e-Learning product, intended for those individuals responsible for assessing the health status and health system performance in their jurisdictions, and developing and/or using health indicators for their facility, region or province/territory. The program's focus is on a core set of indicators related to health and health system performance currently produced at the health regional level. You will also see practical examples of how the indicators can be effectively used at the regional, provincial/territorial and national levels. Click here [to register](#).

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**\*\* Operational Definitions of Attributes of Primary Health Care: Operational Definitions of Attributes of Primary Health Care: Consensus among Canadian Experts** - In 2004, the authors of this article undertook a consultation with Canadian primary health care experts to define the attributes that should be evaluated in predominant and proposed models of primary health care in the Canadian context. This description of primary care attributes in measurable terms provides an evaluation lexicon to assess initiatives to renew primary health care and serves as a guide for instrument selection.

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## New CIHR awards to Family Medicine Researchers

**Title:** Examining the impact of primary care reform in Ontario on access to and quality of care. The study was funded for 179,181 per year for four years. Peer Review Committee: Health Services Evaluation and Interventions Research (HSE) - B. See [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision\\_media/2008/200709mop\\_e.htm](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision_media/2008/200709mop_e.htm).

Principal Investigator:

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- JAAKKIMAINEN, Ritva L. - DFCM, U of T
- MANUEL, Douglas G. - ICES
- RHODES, Anne E. - St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto
- SCHULL, Michael J. - ICES
- STEELE, Leah S. - DFCM, U of T
- STEWART, Moira A. - DFM, U of Western Ontario
- STUKEL, Therese A. - ICES
- THIND, Amardeep - DFM, U of Western Ontario
- TU, Karen - DFCM, U of T
- UPSHUR, Ross E. - DFCM, U of T
- ZWARENSTEIN, Merrick F. - U of T

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**Title:** Doing Time: A Time for Incarcerated Women to Develop an Action Health Strategy. The study was funded for 124,023 per year for four years. Peer Review Committee: Gender, Sex, and Health (GSH).

See: [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision\\_media/2008/200709mop\\_e.htm](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision_media/2008/200709mop_e.htm)

Principal Investigator:

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- CONDELLO, Lara-Lisa - Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
- CORNEIL, Trevor A. - UBC
- DESMARAIS, Sarah L. -
- FAIRBROTHER, Nichole - UBC
- FELS, Lynn M. - UBC
- FRANKISH, Charles J. -UBC
- GRANGER-BROWN, Alison J. - Government of BC
- LEGGO, Carl - UBC
- MACAULAY, Ann C. - DFM, McGill U
- OGILVIE, Gina S. - UBC
- RAMSDEN, Vivian R. - DFM, U of Saskatchewan
- SHANNON, Kate - UBC
- WARDMAN, Dennis - Health Canada, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch

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**Title:** L'étude dynamique des facteurs facilitant et contraignant le bénévolat auprès des aînés en fin de vie qui vivent à domicile. / The dynamic study of facilitating and hindering factors for the involvement of volunteers for seniors at the end of life who are living at home. The study was funded for 74,834 per year for three years. Peer Review Committee: Palliative and End of Life Care (PLC).

See: [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision\\_media/2008/200709mop\\_e.htm](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision_media/2008/200709mop_e.htm)

Principal Investigator:

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- GUIRGUIS-YOUNGER, Manal - l'U. St-Paul
- TOURIGNY, André - Département de médecine de l'Université Laval

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**Title:** A National Study of Community Acquired Antibiotic Resistant E-Coli Causing Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections In Adult Women. The study was funded for 73,431 per year for three years. Peer Review Committee: Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (MI).

See: [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision\\_media/2008/200709mop\\_e.htm](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision_media/2008/200709mop_e.htm)

Principal Investigator:

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Co-applicants:

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**Title:** Assessing the feasibility and acceptability of a quality outcome orientation to primary healthcare in Nova Scotia. The study was funded for 61,069 per year for three years. Peer Review Committee: Health Services Evaluation and Interventions Research-B (HSI).

See: [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision\\_media/2008/200709mop\\_e.htm](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision_media/2008/200709mop_e.htm)

Principal Investigator:

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- GASS, David A. - DFM, Dalhousie
- LAWSON, Beverley J. - DFM, Dalhousie
- LUSSING, Frank J. - Nova Scotia Department of Health
- MACPHAIL, Judith H. - CIHI
- NATARAJAN, Nandini - DFM, Dalhousie
- PUTNAM, R. W. - DFM, Dalhousie

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**Title:** Family Physicians and Workplace Abusive/Violent Encounters Prevalence, Incidence, Impact and Strategy. Health Policy & Systems Management Research (HPR) Peer Review Committee. The study was funded for 51,172 per year for three years. See [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision\\_media/2008/200709mop\\_e.htm](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/decision_media/2008/200709mop_e.htm).

Principal Investigator:

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- RAMSDEN, Vivian R. - DFM, U of Saskatchewan
- TATEMICHII, Sue - DFM, Dalhousie; Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, Fredericton

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## Website Info to go

**Networks of Centres of Excellence:** Mobilizing research excellence for the benefit of Canadians, the **Networks of Centres**

**of Excellence** (NCE) bring together researchers and partners from the academic, private, public and non profit sectors in areas of strategic importance for Canada, including the Health and Life Sciences. Three Canadian federal granting agencies - the **Canadian Institutes of Health Research** (CIHR), the **Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada** (NSERC) and the **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada** (SSHRC) - and **Industry Canada** combine their efforts to support and oversee the NCE initiative.

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## Conference Opportunities

**The 2008 Campbell Collaboration (C2) Colloquium is in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada** from May 12 to 14, 2008 and is co-hosted and coordinated by the **Canadian Council on Learning (CCL)**; the Province of British Columbia; the *Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network* and the *Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services*. The theme of the 2008 Colloquium is *Speaking Truth to Power: Evidence for Decisions in Education, Social Welfare, and Criminal Justice*. The Campbell Collaboration (C2) is an independent, international, non-profit organization that strives to provide decision-makers with evidence-based information to empower them to make well-informed decisions about the effects of interventions in the social, behavioural and educational arenas.

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### **Family Medicine Forum 2008 (FMF)**

**November 27 - 29, 2008**



Research Day  
is

Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

The Call for Papers and Posters is now open!  
Deadline for submissions is April 2, 2008.

For more information, go to: **FMF 2008**

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The **North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG)** will hold its 2008 Annual Meeting November 15 - 19, 2008, in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico. Proposal submission dates will be announced soon!

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## Research Funding Opportunities

### **Office of the Privacy Commissioner Contributions Program:**

The **Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada (OPC)** has announced the launch of its annual Contributions Program, and is actively encouraging the submission of funding proposals for cutting-edge research projects on privacy promotion and protection. For more information, go to:

[www.privcom.gc.ca/information/cp/index\\_e.asp](http://www.privcom.gc.ca/information/cp/index_e.asp).

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**Health Services Research Advancement Award:** Do you know someone who has made a great contribution in advancing health services research and evidence-informed decision-making in Canada? The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation encourages nominations of a wide scope of people for the 2008 Health Services Research Advancement Award. For more information on the 2008 Health Services Research Advancement Award, please go to the foundation's web site at [http://www.chsrf.ca/funding\\_opportunities/hsraa/index\\_e.php](http://www.chsrf.ca/funding_opportunities/hsraa/index_e.php) by clicking on the link or copying and pasting it in your browser. To request a copy of the nomination form, please click on the following link or copy and paste it in your browser: [http://www.chsrf.ca/funding\\_opportunities/hsraa/nomination\\_e.php](http://www.chsrf.ca/funding_opportunities/hsraa/nomination_e.php). Please submit your nomination by 5 p.m., March 13, 2008 to the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation.

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### **CIHR-IHSPR December 2007 Funding Opportunities**

The CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR) and its partners are pleased to announce the launch of the following December 2007 funding opportunities:

- **Synthesis Grant: Knowledge Translation**
- **Needs, Gaps and Opportunities Assessments in Health Services and Policy**
- **Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research**

CIHR's contribution to these initiatives is subject to availability of funds voted annually to CIHR by parliamentary appropriations, and the conditions that may be attached to them.

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\*\* this is a contribution from the **Knowledge Utilization-Utilization des Connaissances (KU-UC) E-Watch on Health Innovation**.