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Dear Members

The Section of Researchers (SoR) is once again planning a full day of exciting presentations on Research Day, to be held on Wednesday, November 26 at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto, ON.

Be part of the growing strength in Family Medicine Research in Canada, and help spread the word by participating in the presentation of freestanding papers and posters. The deadline for submission of papers and posters is April 2, 2008. [Click here](#) for more information.

Plan to join your colleagues and friends at the castle! On November 27th, our annual Section of Researchers Dinner and Research Awards presentations will take place at Casa Loma, the famous castle on the hill. We will have 'the keys to the castle' for the evening, so come early to wander around the castle after the tourists have gone home! Stay tuned; more details will be available soon!

We greatly appreciate your support of our program for rewarding excellence in Family Medicine research. **Family Medicine Researcher of the Year** and the **CFPC Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article** nominations are due April 1, 2008. Nominations for the **Family Medicine Resident Research Awards** are due on June 1, 2008.

Do you have any great research stories to tell? We invite you to participate in the History and Narrative Committee's award program for the **Mimi Divinsky Award for History and Narrative in Family Medicine**. The Committee is gathering the narrative offerings of family doctors in Canada to form an online database that will become an invaluable research tool and resource for those interested in studying the history of family medicine and primary care in Canada. This award recognizes the best narrative accounts of experiences in family medicine-and that includes research stories! Submissions are due May 1, 2008.

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

Research News

Provincial/territorial results available: Results of the 2007 National Physician Survey, organized by province/territory, were released on March 18, 2008.



You will be able to find a Media Release and short summary of the provincial/territorial results, as well as data tables by FP/GP, other specialists, sex and age group for each province/territory, at www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca.

Results for medical students and residents will be publicly released later in the spring. After all 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 or 1-800-387-6197 ext 289.

The 2007 NPS results are being highlighted in Canadian Family Physician with monthly **Fast Facts**. The February issue focuses on patients' access to cancer care services. Efforts to reduce wait times in priority areas, including cancer care services, have been made, but there's still much work to be done. 19% of FPs responding to the 2007 National Physician Survey rated access to cancer care services as only fair or poor.

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CIHR Recruitment of New IAB Members: The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is renewing membership for its thirteen Institute Advisory Boards (IABs) and invites you to assist by encouraging excellent candidates to apply. They are seeking about 40 new members to serve three-year terms beginning September 1, 2008. Diversity of expertise and experience are key to the success of IABs. Applications may be submitted online from February 4 to March 31, 2008 at www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/18156.html and by clicking on the link: How to apply to become an IAB member.

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Canadian Patient Safety Institute Background Paper: A background paper by the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) calls for a stronger research push to identify the best practices to optimize the safety of residents in long-term care settings. The **full report** is available online at CPSI's website.

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Health Council of Canada Report - *Fixing the Foundation: An Update on Primary Health Care and Home Care Renewal in Canada*, evaluates renewal efforts in the province and territories and calls for action to accelerate primary health care and home care renewal efforts across Canada. To read the report and the data supplement, *Canadian Survey of Experiences with Primary Health Care in 2007*, visit:
<http://www.healthcouncilcanada.ca/en/>

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CHAIN-Contact, Help, Advice and Information Network - an online network for people working in health and social care, gives people a simple and informal way of contacting each other to exchange ideas and share knowledge. For more information on CHAIN and joining the network please visit website:
<http://chain.ulcc.ac.uk/chain/index.html>

CHAIN Subgroups: In addition to the wider scope of the CHAIN community, sub-groups, which use part-time facilitators to ensure that the sub-group adds value to its members, enable more focused networking to take place. Sub-groups can also maintain repositories for material relevant to the group. CHAIN is currently enquiring among its members about interest in the formation of a cross-cutting subgroup in CHAIN for those with an interest in **the health and social care of prisoners**. If there is a positive response to this enquiry, a sponsor willing to cover the cost of set-up and maintenance of such a group will need to be found. If you are in favour, and can suggest any agencies which might be willing to sponsor a sub-group for prisoners' health, please let us know. For more information on establishing a subgroup on the health and social care of prisoners contact Chain Enquiries enquiries@chain-network.org.uk or jmcgowan@uottawa.ca.

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** **Health Innovation Forum: Health Innovation Forum** is a multi-year program that aims to promote health care innovations within and beyond the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC). The MUHC's Institute for Strategic Analysis and Innovation (ISAI) has partnered with Parkhurst Publishing, a leading Canadian medical publishing company, to explore ideas, technologies and practices that can raise the bar on health system performance. The forum will produce a series of round-table consultations, commissioned articles, conferences and case studies of things that work in Canadian health care. The goal is to bring stakeholders in the health field together to

explore approaches that respond to current needs and consider the full range of possibilities available for the future.

Conference Opportunities

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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Western Canadian Family Medicine Research Day: The 8th Annual Western Canadian Departments of Family Medicine Research Day will be held in Saskatoon, SK on May 30, 2008. For further information, you may contact: Dr. Viv Ramsden, Department of Academic Family Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan e-mail: viv.ramsden@usask.ca

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Collaborative Family HealthCare Association (CFHA) Call for Presentations:

The Collaborative Family Healthcare Association's Tenth Annual Conference is being held from November 6-9, 2008, in Denver, Colorado. Primary care is being retooled to produce the collaboration and continuity necessary for a medical home. CFHA's national conference http://www.cfha.net/conf_info.asp will give tremendous impetus to the development of integrated primary care. [Click here](#) to find out more about putting in a proposal. Proposals close March 31, 2008.

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17th International Congress on Palliative Care: The 17th International Congress on Palliative Care, presented by the Palliative Care Division of the Departments of Medicine and Oncology of McGill University, will be held September 23-26, 2008 at the Palais des Congrès in Montréal, Canada. Healthcare professionals, therapists, volunteers and all those involved in care for the dying will have the opportunity to renew themselves as providers of care and to obtain the inspiration that will help them shape the palliative care of the future. Poster abstracts may be submitted until May 28, 2008. For more information, please visit <http://www.pal2008.com>.

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The **North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG)** will hold its 2008 Annual Meeting November 15 - 19, 2008, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. You are invited to submit a proposal, present a paper, poster, workshop or forum at the meeting. Proposals on any topic relating to primary care research are welcome from researchers throughout North America and the world. The submission deadline is April 23, 2008. Questions? Contact NAPCRG at 800-274-2237, ext. 5422 or via e-mail at napcrg@stfm.org.

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Workplace Violence in the Health Sector: The First International Multidisciplinary Conference on Workplace Violence in the Health Sector is being held 22-24 October in Amsterdam. The overall theme is "Together, Creating a Safe Work Environment". Abstract submissions are welcomed. The deadline is April 1, 2008. [Click here](#) for more information.

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****Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)**

Conference: The **CPHA 2008 Annual Conference**, *Public Health in Canada: Reducing Health Inequalities through Evidence & Action* will take place in Halifax on June 1-4, 2008. The objectives of the conference are to: 1) provide a forum to critically reflect on our progress and to consider Canada's future role in the reduction of health inequalities in response to the anticipated report of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health, 2) showcase innovative research, policies and practices that address the social, political, cultural, economic and environmental determinants of health, 3) profile strategies for building the capacity of population and public health at local, regional, provincial/territorial, pan-Canadian and international levels, and leverage the potential of partnerships and collaboration, 4) provide a meeting ground for knowledge exchange among public health practitioners, policy-makers, and researchers from a range of disciplines and sectors.

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Conference on Practice Improvement: The 2008 **Conference on Practice Improvement**, *Blueprint for the Medical Home*, will be held from December 4-7, 2008, in Savannah, Georgia. Submissions are encouraged at both basic and advanced levels. In addition to emphasizing patient education and self-management support, selected submissions in the various other categories will be highlighted in showcase sessions. All presenters will be required to pay a registration fee.

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Re-Imagining Health Services: Innovations in Community Health The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives-BC and Simon Fraser University's Economic Security Project, along with SFU's Faculty of Health Sciences and UBC's Western Regional Training Centre for Health Services Research, are hosting a conference on community health care solutions and innovations titled *Re-Imagining Health Services: Innovations in Community Health*, from November 6 - 8 in Vancouver, B.C. The conference is seeking presentation proposals from a broad range of individuals and groups who want to share their experiences, work, campaigns and/or research on community health care. If you would like to participate in the conference, visit <http://www.sfu.ca/economicsecurityproject/> or contact: ESP Community Health Conference Planning Committee, c/o Thi Vu, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives - BC Office, 1400 - 207 West Hasting Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 1H7 Email: thi@policyalternatives.ca. Closing date for submissions: March 28, 2008.

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1st International Interprofessional Health and Social Care Conference: This two day international conference is being held July 1-2, 2008 at the University of Salford in Salford, UK. It will bring together academics, policy makers, researchers, practitioners, users, carers and interprofessional agencies within the field of health and social care to create a unique forum for the dissemination and discussion of current research and practices in this field. For further information please visit the [conference's website](#).

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2008 CRRF-NRRN Conference: The 2008 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF) and the National Rural Research Network (NRRN) annual policy conference will be held in **Inuvik, Northwest Territories**, 18-21 June 2008. The conference is being co-hosted by the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Rural Development Institute, Brandon University. The 2008 Conference will overlap with Canada 's National Aboriginal Day (June 21) and the summer solstice festivities in Inuvik . During the conference, the sun will not set! Further details on the conference can be found at www.brandonu.ca/rdi/crrf2008.asp.

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Youth Investigators Forum: The Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH) is very excited to announce the return of the **Young Investigators (YI) Forum**. The 2008 YI Forum will take place on May 8-10, at the Centre Sheraton, Montreal Hotel in Montreal, Quebec. The purpose of the Young Investigators Forum is to support young researchers from the circulatory-respiratory community by offering them the opportunity to further develop their leadership skills, deliver scientific presentations, learn about current circulatory and respiratory research activity, network with colleagues and mentors and gain experience in leadership roles.

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Catalyst Grant: Planning and Development in Mental Health and Addiction in the Workplace: The registration deadline is April 15th 2008. Application deadline is July 15th 2008.

Summer Institute in Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology: July 20 - 26; Burlington, Vermont. Application deadline: April 1, 2008.

Summer Institute in Maternal-Fetal Pharmacology. July 18 - 24; Burlington, Vermont. Application Deadline: April 1, 2008.

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SSHRC Funding Opportunities

Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada
http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/conferences_e.asp
Application deadline: 1 May 2008

International Opportunities Fund Development and Project Grants
http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/iof_e.asp
Application deadline: 7 May 2008

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Grant Generating Project (GGP) Applications: The U.S.-based Grant Generating Project (GGP), through the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), is continuing through 2008-2009. An important research capacity building activity, the GGP project is an excellent opportunity for family medicine researchers to enhance their grant-writing skills, particularly in the face of increasing competition for funding. Skills developed can be generalized to other grant-writing projects as well as a variety of other scholarly writing activities. In addition, participation provides the benefit of networking activities and the opportunity to gain valuable contacts with other family medicine researchers throughout North America. Under the direction of Dr. Daniel Longo, ScD, the fellowship is a joint project of the Department of Family Medicine at VCU and the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and is based in Richmond, Virginia.

This project is supported by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP); the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC); the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG); and the Society of Teachers in Family Medicine (STFM). Project fees paid for by the fellow's home department, ensure that this valuable training is more easily available to those who need it. Applications are now being accepted for

2008-2009. Letters of intent are due by June 1, 2008. Completed applications, including CV, are due by June 30, 2008. For more information, visit http://www3.vcu.edu/familymedicine/Grant_Generating_Project/

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Harkness Associate Awards: The Commonwealth Fund, in partnership with the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, offers two Harkness Associate Awards annually. These awards are aimed at mid-career health services or health policy researchers, decision makers or journalists. The Harkness Associate Award enables talented Canadians to participate in the Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice, a core program of The Commonwealth Fund's International Program in Health Policy and Practice. Please contact the Foundation staff at grantsandawards@chsrf.ca to discuss your suitability for this award. Application deadline is April 7, 2008. Visit the Foundation's [website](#) for a full copy of the Call for Applications.

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Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (HSFO) Summer Medical Student Awards: Three HSFO awards are provided annually in each Ontario medical school to enable medical students to gain research training during the summer. The awards, valued at \$4,000, are tenable in a department associated with the medical school for a period of three months. Deadline: March 31, 2008. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Pre-Announcement: Secondary Stroke Prevention Health Services and Care Team Grants - Requests for Applications: The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC), the Canadian Stroke Network (CSN) and the CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH) will be partnering to launch a Request for Applications (RFA) aimed at advancing knowledge related to stroke, in particular, how health services, systems of co-ordinated care, and processes of care related to secondary stroke prevention can be improved. The primary objective of this strategic initiative is to help advance the goals of the Canadian Stroke Strategy by supporting research that examines how to improve the timely delivery of secondary prevention services and care that will ensure optimal outcomes for stroke patients. The anticipated RFA launch date is March 2008. For more information please [click here](#).

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Catalyst Project RFA: The Stem Cell Network is now conducting an open call for Catalyst Research Proposals. Applications are reviewed quarterly. Application deadline for funding starting July 1, 2008: 11 April, 2008. Competition guidelines and Application Package can be found [here](#) or by clicking the links below: [Application Guidelines](#); [Budget Template](#)

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