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**Dear Members:**

The Section of Researchers extends many thanks to Dr. Rick Glazier, who has completed his term of office as Chair of the SoR Executive. Rick's dedication and hard work has helped garner increased recognition for the value of family medicine research in Canada.

At the same time, we welcome our new SoR Executive Chair, Dr. Bill Hogg. Bill's equally unwavering commitment to family medicine research and his visionary outlook will certainly support future growth and success in the discipline.

In fact, this issue of Kaleidoscope highlights a number of projects with the potential to spur on new growth in the not too distant future.

Over the past year Rick Glazier, Lisa Dolovich and Peter Norton have served on a working group set up by the Institute for Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR) to see how primary care researchers might better succeed in getting funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). As a result of their work, the IHSPR recognizes the important role that primary care research plays in strengthening the Canadian health care system and is committed to supporting research in this critical area. IHSPR is planning to launch a suite of targeted primary care initiatives in mid-June 2009. Please see below for **details** about this exciting primary care initiative and be sure to check the **CIHR Funding Database** in early summer. You can also email [info.ihspr@utoronto.ca](mailto:info.ihspr@utoronto.ca) to add yourself to the IHSPR listserv for advance notice of potential funding opportunities.

The Canadian Working Group for Primary Healthcare Improvement, whose purpose is to promote evidence-informed primary healthcare policy and practice for the benefit of Canadians, held its second meeting in January. Made up of thirty leaders in primary healthcare, including researchers, funders, professional association representatives and policy makers from across Canada, the group reviewed three working papers on the benefits of PHC, and committed themselves to carrying the papers forward and developing a business case for sustaining PHC research and improvement. The meeting was sponsored by Health Canada and the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF).

In addition to these initiatives, the Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN), a partnership of CFPC's National Research System (NaRes), the Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Canadian Institute of Health Information (CIHI), has entered Phase two of its groundbreaking work in developing a pan-Canadian sentinel network of networks, collecting electronic information from primary care practices for the study of chronic disease. Look for more information in future issues of Kaleidoscope.

It is through these and other worthy projects that FM researchers continue to make significant contributions to health care in Canada.

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## Research News

### **Dedicated Primary Care Funding in CIHR's June Launch**

CIHR's Institute for Health Services and Policy Research will be launching a series of funding opportunities in the upcoming June 2009 launch.

We are offering a number of capacity building and short-term research funding opportunities in **primary healthcare**. These include 1) **Masters, PhD and Fellowship** capacity building grants and 2) national and international **Catalyst Research Grants**.

The CIHR **Catalyst Grant** program provides seed money to support health research activities which represent a first step towards the pursuit of more comprehensive funding opportunities (e.g. operating grants, team grants) in areas such as:

- the planning and execution of pilot projects or feasibility studies aiming to generate preliminary data, observations, or knowledge
- the planning and execution of novel projects which clearly demonstrate the potential for significant impact, but which are considered a higher risk in that they may be unsupported by proof of concept / preliminary data
- development and / or validation of new inventions, tools, methodologies, protocols, theoretical models or frameworks
- planning and / or development activities of expert teams (multi-disciplinary, trans-disciplinary, etc.) coming together

to address health research priorities

In addition, we are launching a general call to health services and policy research community for submissions for **Methods and Tools** grants to support research that enables the development and refinement of research methods and tools applicable. The objectives are to support research likely to lead to new breakthroughs in advancing theory, conceptual frameworks, research methods or measurement approaches (qualitative or quantitative) that have broad application to health services and systems in support of the strengthening of the Canadian health care system and improved health for Canadians.

We encourage you to consider applying for these grants and to share this information with your peers and professional networks.

Further details about these and other CIHR-IHSPR funding opportunities can be found on our [website](#) or on the [CIHR Funding Opportunities Database](#). If you would like to register for notification about these opportunities, please email [stephanie.soo@utoronto.ca](mailto:stephanie.soo@utoronto.ca) to be put on the mailing list for our e-newsletter.

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**CPCSSN Team to Share Knowledge at CAHSPR:** Members of the Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN) team will deliver three presentations and one poster at the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) Conference, being held in Calgary in May.

The poster entitled *Towards a primary care-based sentinel surveillance system for chronic disease in Canada: benefits and implications for public health and policies* can be viewed all day Tuesday May 12, 2009. The three presentations will be delivered consecutively at CAHSPR session *H5: Orals - Data Developments in Primary Care and Chronic Disease Management* Thursday May 14 2009 between 9:30-10:45 a.m. Collectively, the CPCSSN presentations will discuss critical information related to the development of a primary care-based sentinel surveillance system for chronic disease in Canada, including: initial development and privacy issues; benefits and implications of the development for public health and policies; the creation of data sources for primary care research in chronic disease; and data quality and lessons learned. View CAHSPR's preliminary [conference program](#) for more information.

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**Study Highlight: *Testing the effectiveness of health lines in chronic disease management of congestive heart failure.***

Dr. Alan Katz, University of Manitoba Department of Family Medicine, and member of the CFPC Section of Researchers, has

recently completed a study, *Testing the effectiveness of health lines in chronic disease management of congestive heart failure*, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). The study demonstrated that support via regular follow-up telephone calls to heart failure patients can help them feel better, increase compliance with the medications, and help with weight loss, as well as decrease the number of visits to family doctors and hospital emergency departments. See the full story at CIHR's [Research Profiles](#).

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**Submissions invited for CFP feature: Hypothesis Page:**

*Canadian Family Physician (CFP)* invites submissions from researchers and non-researchers for their quarterly feature entitled the Hypothesis Page. Intended to educate and translate knowledge from the research to the clinical domain, the Hypothesis Page is aimed at general CFP audiences. As such, CFP seeks submissions that are clinically relevant while dealing with basic research concepts. Please contact Bo Miedema at [bo.miedem@rvh.nb.ca](mailto:bo.miedem@rvh.nb.ca) for more information.

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**The College of Family Physicians Associate Memberships now available:**

The College has recently opened the new membership category of **Associate Member**. Associate Memberships are open to allied health professionals or other individuals who work in collaboration with family physicians or academic departments OR to members of the public who have served as public members of the National Board of the College. Associate Members are also eligible for membership in the Section of Researchers. Click on the link above for an application.

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## Conference Opportunities



**Family Medicine Forum 2009**  
**Telus Centre - Calgary, Alberta**  
**October 29 - 31, 2009**

Call for Poster presentations for FMF 2009 is now open. Deadline for submission: May 31

**Family Medicine Forum 2009** combines the Annual Scientific

Assemblies of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP), and the Annual Workshops of the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers.

Join us in Calgary - and come experience what FMF is all about!

**Call for Research Papers and Research Posters Presentations**  
**Deadline: May 31, 2009**

Research Day will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009.

The **Call for Research Papers** and **Posters** to be presented on Research Day is now open! The deadline for abstract submission is May 31, 2009.

Presentations of accepted submissions will take place during RESEARCH DAY at the Hyatt Hotel in Calgary, Alberta.

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**\* 37th North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Call for Papers**

The 2009 NAPCRG Annual Meeting will be held from November 14-18, 2009, in West Montreal, Quebec, Canada. For more details visit [www.napcrg.org/meetings/annualmeeting.cfm](http://www.napcrg.org/meetings/annualmeeting.cfm).

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**Canadian Patient Safety Institute - Canada's Forum on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement**

April 28 - 30, 2009 Toronto, ON

With the increasing national and international focus on patient safety, the need for a broad forum for learning has been identified. **Canada's Forum on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement** will provide multiple learning streams with a national and international flavour. The program for the forum will provide opportunity for a variety of professionals to participate, including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, health care providers, educators, leaders, researchers, and board members.

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**Canadian Cardiovascular Congress**

*Call for abstracts and workshop proposals*

*Deadline: 30 April, 2009 (23:59 EST) online only*

Congress:

October 24-28, 2009 Edmonton AB

The **Congress** is a forum to showcase Canada's best research and promote learning through scientific sessions, interactive workshops, late-breaking and featured clinical trials, and lively debates. The Congress is a place for active discussions on key issues with colleagues from across the country.

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**\* 5th Annual AAMC Physician Workforce Research Conference**

April 30-May 1, 2009 Washington, D.C.

Jointly sponsored by the Association of American Medical Colleges and Harvard Medical School, Department of Continuing Education. The **Fifth Annual Physician Workforce Research Conference** will offer an opportunity to: share research and findings on physician workforce supply and demand; improve understanding of workforce implications of health care reform, changes in efficiency and productivity; specialty choice; use of non-physician clinicians; and recruitment and retention issues; refine research methods for measuring workforce supply and demand; and foster collaboration among physician workforce researchers. Visit the website for further information.

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**\* Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) 2009 Annual Conference**

May 11 - 14, 2009 Calgary, AB

The **Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research** (CAHSPR) invites you to the 2009 Annual **CAHSPR Conference** which brings together over 400 of Canada's leading researchers, decision makers, managers and trainees to exchange ideas and share findings from the most recent studies in health services and policy research. In addition to emerging research, the Annual CAHSPR Conference features provocative plenary lectures by leaders in health policy, and is also the event at which numerous national awards, honours and ceremonies occur.

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**The International Conference on the use of the Internet in the Mental Health Field**

May 14 - 16, 2009 Montreal, QC

The **International Conference on the use of the Internet in Mental Health** will be an opportunity to discuss the future of the Internet and its influence on mental health practices. Sociologists, philosophers, clinicians, and researchers along with professionals in

health systems management, information technology, and networking will come together to reflect on the Internet's role in mental health care. Please note that the Conference is bilingual with simultaneous translation.

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**\* National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (NICE) - Annual Knowledge Exchange 2009**

20 & 21 May, 2009 Toronto, ON

Sponsors: Networks of Centres of Excellence (Government of Canada); International Development Research Centre (Canada); University of Toronto. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

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**\* 6th International Guidelines International Network (GIN) Conference**

*Call for Abstracts*

*Deadline for abstract submissions: 30 May, 2009*

Conference information:

Sponsors: Directorate-General of Health, Portugal and the High Commissioner for Health, Portugal  
1st - 4th November, 2009 Lisbon, Portugal

Conference Theme: Evidence Translation in Different Countries  
The programme will include sessions on: knowledge transfer between countries; developments in guideline methodology; patients and guidelines; and the impact of guidelines on health policies. Go to the [conference website](#) for more information.

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**\* Stakeholder Summit on Using Quality Systematic Reviews to Inform Evidence-based Guidelines**

4 - 5 June, 2009 Baltimore, MD

Presented by the US Cochrane Center.

Join with other leading evidence-based clinical guideline producers for a summit to address the use of quality systematic reviews to inform evidence-based guidelines. Hear from experts on the latest methods and practices for systematic review and guideline development. Share successes, pitfalls, current challenges and future opportunities for evidence-based guidelines. For more information, visit the [Cochrane Collaboration](#) website.

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**\* 6th Annual Meeting of Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi 2009) - Globalisation and Health Technology Assessment**

21 - 24 June, 2009 Singapore

Organisers: Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi), Singapore Ministry of Health, Singapore Health Services, and The National Healthcare Group (NHG) of Singapore.

The **6th Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) Annual Meeting** will focus on how globalisation will impact on the field of Health Technology Assessment, how Health Technology Assessment should develop to meet the needs of different parts of the world, and how HTAi should adapt to its role as a global organisation.

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**\* The 2nd International Conference on Fixed Combination in the treatment of Hypertension, Dyslipidemia and Diabetes Mellitus - Call for Abstracts**

*Deadline for submission of abstracts: July 6, 2009*

The Scientific Committee encourages the submission of original **Abstracts** which will be accepted as Poster or Oral Presentations. Conference:

10 - 12 December, 2009 Valencia, Spain

The incidence of hypertension associated with various components of the cardiometabolic syndrome is increasing worldwide. And so is the realization that concurrent treatments to effectively control all these components are underutilized, despite their proven value in preventing cardiovascular complications. One way to improve utilization of available pharmacologic agents is to use fixed combinations of drugs with synergistic or additive properties. This conference is an opportunity for experts from various health care disciplines, including family and primary care physicians, to meet and discuss the role of fixed combinations in the treatment of hypertension and dyslipidemia in today's medicinal world.

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**\* 16th Annual Ontario Health Promotion Summer School (2009) - eHealth Promotion: Connecting Communities and Resources in the 21st Century**

presented by the Centre for Health Promotion, University of Toronto

Date: July 8-10, 2009 Toronto, ON

Preschool: Tuesday, July 7, 2009

The **Ontario Health Promotion Summer School** is designed to



provide a comprehensive educational experience, with an emphasis on translating new knowledge into practice. The curriculum is composed of 3 series (First Peoples' Curriculum, French Language Curriculum and General Curriculum) and is designed to facilitate personal growth and organizational, community and system improvements.

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## Funding Opportunities

### Partnership Against Cancer

#### **Coalitions Linking Action & Science for Prevention (CLASP)**

A new initiative of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, the Coalitions Linking Action & Science for Prevention (CLASP) project is identifying groups of experts and front-line practitioners involved in prevention of cancer and other chronic diseases to support the integration, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based prevention programs. The goals are to accelerate the movement of knowledge into action, and to assist the process of learning from program action already being carried out by partners to develop a stronger information base that can be shared across the country. Please visit the Partnership Against Cancer website, or contact [Alan Katz](#), University of Manitoba, for information on how to access this funding opportunity.

### CIHR

#### **Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grant**

#### **Health Research Involving Aboriginal People (Spring 2009 Competition)**

*Application Deadline: 2009-06-01*

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity, announced through the Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grant program, are: to address ethical issues related to health research projects involving Aboriginal communities; to support the implementation of the CIHR Guidelines for Health Research Involving Aboriginal People by helping to build relationships between health researchers and Aboriginal communities in order to be better able to draft full Research Agreements to support subsequent research proposals.

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### Other

#### **Evidence on Tap - Expedited Knowledge Synthesis**

*Application Deadline: 2009-06-16*

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are: to provide the ministries of health in New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan with high-quality knowledge syntheses and workshops that respond to their decision-making priorities; to demonstrate that CIHR and Canada's health research community can offer an accelerated response option for decision makers who want timely, synthesized evidence on issues of high importance; and to establish a pool of qualified research teams for future expedited knowledge synthesis initiatives.

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### **Prize**

#### **Knowledge Translation in Aging (2008-2009) (Betty Havens Award for Knowledge Translation in Aging)**

*Application Deadline: 2009-05-01*

The aim of the award is to recognize outstanding achievements and excellence in knowledge translation in aging at a local or regional level, and to provide financial support to further foster excellence and innovation in knowledge translation activities.

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### **Team Grant**

#### **China-Canada Collaborative Teams in Health Research**

*LOI Deadline: 2009-05-01*

The objectives of the China-Canada Team Grant program are:

- to support expert teams of talented and experienced researchers
- to support high-quality research that addresses an important health and disease, health care or health system problem or issue which is best approached through a collaborative team
- to provide superior research training and mentorship environments
- to support the production of new knowledge and the translation of research findings into improvements in the health of Canadians and the Canadian health care system.

For community-focused proposals, the guiding principle for participation is that community groups are active, influential and ongoing participants in the research, training, mentoring and knowledge translation activities, and that their roles have been formally agreed upon in the spirit of ensuring equity and mutual benefits from the partnership.

For community-focused proposals, it is expected that the partners, as described above, will contribute to:

- formulating research agendas
- providing input into the development of research and training projects
- synthesizing and disseminating findings
- applying the research findings to inform policies, programs and/or practices, and
- in some cases, conducting the research.

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### **Terry Fox New Frontiers Program in Cancer**

*LOI Deadline: 2009-05-15*

The primary objective of the Terry Fox New Frontiers Grant program is to support new frontiers in cancer research (i.e., breakthrough and transformative biomedical, clinical, and translational research providing information which may form the basis for innovative cancer prevention, diagnosis and/or treatment).

Secondary objectives are:

- to support expert teams of talented and experienced cancer researchers;
- to support high-quality research that addresses an important cancer problem or issue which is best approached through a collaborative team;
- to support high-risk projects of potentially large impact, where the research environment will maximize the chances of success; and
- to support the production of new knowledge and the translation of research findings into improvements in the health of Canadians and the Canadian cancer care system.

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\* available in English only.

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