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**Dear Section of Researchers' Member,**

**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.

Collegially,

The Section of Researchers' Executive  
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### Research News

**The Canadian Health Network (CHN)**, Canada's leading web-based source for health information, is slated for closure on March 31, 2008. Entirely focused on the needs of users without profit or sale motives, CHN fulfills the federal government's commitment to individual engagement and responsibility for health, and supports organizations that work to build healthy communities. CHN's website is used by 395,000 unique users per month, and contains links to more than 20,000 quality peer-reviewed resources in English and in French. Use in 2007 has increased by 70% over 2006; 94% of users recommend the site to others. If you would like the Government to know how you use CHN and how valuable

it is in your work, to your clients and to you personally, go to <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/saveCHN> or <http://www.chipig.ca/resource.html> for more information.

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**Dr. Carol Herbert** has been named NAPCRG's 2007 winner of the prestigious Wood Award for Lifetime Contribution to Primary Care Research.

In addition to her distinguished academic career, Dr. Herbert has worked tirelessly as a member and executive officer on numerous academic, scholarly, and community organizations, to which her many awards and distinctions attest. For more information about Dr. Herbert, [click here](#)...

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**The U.S.-based Grant Generating Project (GGP)** 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 Virginia Commonwealth University (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 of \$1,500.00, (U.S.), paid for by the fellow's home department, ensure that this valuable training is more easily available to those who need it. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, visit [www.fcm.missouri.edu/research-ggp.htm](http://www.fcm.missouri.edu/research-ggp.htm).

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**\*\* Ottawa, December 11, 2007-The Canadian Council on Learning**, with support from organizations across the country, says that without the development of a national post-secondary education strategy-such as those adopted by many other nations

around the world-Canada's prosperity will be at risk and its competitive edge compromised. This warning was made in CCL's second annual report on the state of post-secondary education, **Post-secondary Education in Canada: Strategies for Success**, which undertakes a comprehensive review of Canada's PSE sector, including universities, colleges and apprenticeship programs. Check out CCL research activities at <http://www.ccl-cca.ca/CCL/Research/?Languages=EN>

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**Attention: providers of antepartum only and/or intrapartum maternity care!**

Over the course of the summer you may have received notification about the national CIHR funded Maternity Care Attitudes and Beliefs study via email or mail. Many thanks to family physicians who participated by completing the questionnaire. If you have not yet done so, you are invited to click on the link below and contribute to this study. It will take 10 minutes or less to complete the online form, and the information you submit will be confidential and anonymous. By gathering the views of Canadian maternity care providers, we hope to better understand the rapidly changing landscape in a field under considerable stress. Your attitudes and beliefs towards birth and maternity care are vital not only to our study, but to the future of practice, education, policy, and organization.

English: <http://maternitycare.ca/cw1/familyphysician>

French: <http://maternitycare.ca/cw2/omnipraticien>

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## Website Info to go

**The Health Council of Canada** is mandated to monitor and report on the progress of health care renewal in Canada. View their latest report : "**Why Health Care Renewal Matters: Learning from Canadians with Chronic Health Conditions**" which includes results from the first national survey that asks Canadians with chronic health conditions about their experiences with care, as well as an international survey of patients in seven countries. The Council's Mission is to foster accountability and transparency by assessing progress in improving the quality, effectiveness and sustainability of the health care system. Through insightful monitoring, public reporting and facilitating informed discussion, the Council shines a light on what helps or hinders health care renewal and the well-being of Canadians.

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## Conference Opportunities

**FMF 2008** will take place in Toronto at the Sheraton Hotel  
November 27-29!



**Call for Research Posters and Papers** is now OPEN - (Deadline for submissions is April 2nd 2008)

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**Protecting People While Increasing Knowledge: Ethics in Health Research** - The Alberta Research Ethics Community Consensus Initiative (ARECCI) and its partners are pleased to bring you this inaugural national conference on managing the ethics oversight of a spectrum of knowledge generating activities in Canada's health care and research system. The event will take place in Calgary on May 4-6, 2008.

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**GP & PHC Research Conference PHC RIS organizes the annual General Practice and Primary Health Care Research Conference** - a major event in Australian general practice and primary health care research, to present research findings, discuss research methodology and policy issues, and build and maintain essential networks between researchers, practitioners, policy makers and representatives of consumer organizations. The 2008 GP & PHC Research Conference will be held in Hobart, Tasmania from 4-6 June. Subscribe to the 2008 GP & PHC Research **Conference Communiqué** to be kept up-to-date with details of this conference as they develop! **Abstracts submissions** will be accepted via web until February 22nd 2008.

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## Research Funding Opportunities

**CFPC's Honours & Awards Program:** Apply now for funding opportunities for research grants.

- Two grants are offered (up to \$5,000 each) intended only for novice FM researchers. Deadline to receive your application is February 15, 2008.
- Two grants are offered (up to \$10,000 each) for all FM researchers. Deadline to receive your application is February 15, 2008
- Three development grants are offered (up to \$1,500 each) for novice researchers, to assist with the development of a research proposal. Deadline is March 1, 2008

For more details about the awards, and eligibility, please view the complete program at [www.cfpc.ca/awards](http://www.cfpc.ca/awards).

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### **The Practice-Based Research Network Fellowship Program**

at Case Western Reserve University is actively recruiting candidates in primary care (family medicine, pediatrics, general internal medicine-MD), dentistry-DMD or DDS, and doctorally-prepared advance practice nurses for well funded postdoctoral training program. Two positions, starting on September 1, 2008, are available. Excellent benefits package, research supply fund, salary of \$75,000 per year with possible salary supplement for clinical work. Thank you for sending the attachments to any qualified candidates. Contact information: James Werner, PhD, [james.werner@case.edu](mailto:james.werner@case.edu) - <http://cancer.case.edu/training/pbrn/>

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**Sandler Program for Asthma Research:** The program particularly seeks investigators from outside of the field of asthma. Senior investigators will have well-established research programs and an international reputation for their research. They will usually hold a full-time academic appointment as professor, associate professor, or the equivalent. Early Excellence Award applicants will have already established an independent research program. They will usually hold a full-time academic appointment as an assistant professor, early associate professor, or the equivalent. Early Excellence Awards intended as start-up funds for investigators at the onset of their careers. Rather, they are intended to support investigators who have demonstrated exceptional early accomplishment as an independent investigator, permitting the expansion of their work into the field of asthma. Application is open to investigators at nonprofit institutions within the United States or Canada. Deadline: February 7, 2008.

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**Lasker Foundation, Albert and Mary Medical Research Awards Program** - Clinical Medical Research Award. The purpose of the **Lasker Medical Research Awards** is to recognize and honor individuals who have made significant contributions in basic or clinical research in diseases that are the main cause of death and disability. The Clinical Medical Research Award honors the scientist or scientists whose contributions have led, directly or indirectly, to improvements in the clinical management or treatment of patients and to the alleviation or elimination of one of the major medical causes of disability or death. Nomination deadline: February 1, 2008.

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**Priority Announcements on CIHR Operating Grant competitions** offer additional sources of funding for highly rated applications that are relevant to specific **CIHR** research priority areas or mandates. Applications are submitted through the March 2008 (2008-03) competition of the **Operating Grant: 2007-2008** funding opportunity. The Operating Grant Program is the foundation of CIHR's programming. CIHR recognizes that the creativity, skill, and insight of individuals and self-assembled teams lie at the heart of the research enterprise. The pursuit of excellence in research, as evaluated through the peer review process, inspires ideas that drive progress and ensures a continuous flow of fresh insights.

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**Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) - Strategic Teams in Applied Injury Research:** The **Intentional and Unintentional Injury, Repair and Rehabilitation Initiative** has a mandate to reduce the burden of injuries among Canadians. As a multi-institute strategic initiative of CIHR, it was developed to foster research in the areas of injury prevention, control and rehabilitation and bring together leading Canadian researchers and decision makers to identify strategic priorities for research, capacity building, knowledge translation and infrastructure support for the management of Injury. These individuals identified four content areas that dominate research in this area: unintentional and intentional injury prevention, acute care, and rehabilitation. The initiative's main aspiration for the coming years is to support a number of multidisciplinary teams involved in Applied Injury Research while promoting collaboration between young and experienced researchers and hospitals, universities and other interested organizations and institutions. LOI deadline: April 1, 2008 - Notice of decision July 4, 2008.

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Funded by The Canadian Institutes for Health (CIHR) and the

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR), the **Partnering in Community Health Research (PCHR) Training Grant** is an innovative training program for graduate students, transdisciplinary post-doctoral fellows, and community practitioners that facilitates the building of competencies while participating in ongoing research projects. Learners and mentors from both academia and the community work in partnership to address real research priorities. The creation of community-based and problem-based learning teams provides participants with an opportunity to apply their training and education to solve real-world problems while building the competencies that relate to community partnership health research. PCHR activities, such as workshops and seminars, are designed annually to help learners achieve the goals identified in their individualized learning plans. Please note that PCHR is based in Vancouver, BC, is offered in English only, and all participants are required to live in the greater Vancouver area. The program is not designed for distance education. Please visit our website - [www.pchr.net](http://www.pchr.net) - to learn more about what our program offers.

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