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Dear Members:

The College of Family Physicians of Canada strives to provide members of the Section of Residents with resources to help them as they work toward completion of their studies. In addition, the College offers Residents a number of valuable resources, including the opportunity to take part in its awards program.

The Section of Researchers supports the College's efforts by offering a number of awards which specifically recognize the research work carried out by residents. They include:

Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents: Two awards are presented to recognize family medicine residents for excellence in research carried out and completed prior to June 1, 2008. Nominations must reach the Honours and Awards Committee prior to June 1, 2008.

Family Medicine Resident Awards for Scholarship 2008: This award recognizes the best scholarly work of senior family medicine residents (2nd or 3rd year). Nominations, to be submitted by the Family Medicine Chairs, Postgraduate Directors and Research Directors at each of the 17 Canadian medical schools, must be submitted by June 1, 2008.

Mimi Divinsky award for History and Narrative in Family Medicine: One resident award is given in recognition of the best narrative account of experiences in family medicine. The deadline for this award is 1 May, 2008.

We encourage all Residents and Members of the CFPC Section of Researchers to submit their work and/or nominations by the deadlines noted above to be eligible for the awards. Check out the details at the links above or go to the **Awards Section** of the College's website.

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

Research News

National Physician Survey Results for Medical Students and Residents: Results of the 2007 National Physician Survey



(NPS) for medical students and residents will be released on April 28, 2008. 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.

NPS results among family physicians and other specialists at the national level and the provincial/territorial level were released earlier in the year, and can be accessed at www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca. For a quick look at the topics covered on the questionnaire [click here](#).

* The 2007 NPS results are being highlighted in Canadian Family Physician with monthly **Fast Facts**. The March issue focuses on same-day care for patients with urgent problems. A majority of physicians, (65%), responded that they would be able to offer those patients a same-day appointment. See the Fast Facts link for comparisons based on practice setting and whether the physician is in solo or group practice.

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* **Summary of Health Status/Behavior Data of Canadian Health Professionals Collected at the 2007 FMF Health Fair:** The purpose of this study, carried out by Dr. Alan Katz and a team of researchers at the 2007 Family Medicine Forum in Winnipeg, MB, was to describe the health status of a sample of health professionals attending the FMF; to explore current personal health maintenance and prevention behaviours of the sample; and to compare the findings to the general health of Canadians. [Click here](#) to view a summary of the results.

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Sustainability in Health Care: The Health Council of Canada recently invited experts in health care management and planning, public policy, government, health economics, and bioethics from across the country to discuss the often-used term "sustainability" as it relates to Canada's universally accessible, publicly funded and publicly administered health care system. The Health Council organized the panel discussion to hear the term "sustainable health care" defined from a number of different perspectives. A summary report of the full discussion will be available for downloading in the near future. To learn more, [click here](#).

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International Research Community on Multimorbidity (IRCMo): (leaders: Martin Fortin and Hassan Soubhi): You are invited to join the discussions in IRCMo's virtual community as members seek strategies and solutions that foster collaborative learning. Members are currently reviewing the transcription of the discussions on the concept of multimorbidity and on the care models for patients with multiple conditions, and plan to prepare a synthesis document. There is a 'Library' section in [IRCMo's Web site](#) with a list of references on comorbidity/multimorbidity. If you have published articles that you would like to include in the list, please, send the references to the site manager. Please note that you must register to access the virtual community area of this site. Please contact Jose.Amirall@USherbrooke.ca to obtain a password. Website available in English or French. To foster collaboration internationally, the online discussion is limited to English.

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An Online Resource for Public Health Decision Makers: www.health-evidence.ca is a free, searchable online registry of research evidence evaluating the effectiveness of all public health interventions. It saves time and money by eliminating the need for public health decision makers to search for, retrieve, assess and synthesize evidence about the impact of public health interventions.

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*** Health Technology Assessment (HTA) on the Net: A Guide to Internet Sources of Information** - Institute of Health Economics, Edmonton: The purpose of an HTA is to provide health care decision-makers with the evidence they need to make informed decisions concerning the introduction, allocation and cost effective use of medical technologies. This guide focuses on Internet sites, particularly those that may be useful for people involved in health care in Alberta, Canada, but health technology assessments will also incorporate data from other sources. [Click here](#) for more information.

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**** Physicians in Canada: Fee-for-Service Utilization, 2005-2006:** Physicians received \$14 billion in total payments for clinical services in Canada in 2005-2006, a 39.4% increase over five years, according to the Canadian Institute for Health

Information (CIHI). Payments made to physicians for clinical services include fee-for-service payments, which account for 80% of total payments, and alternative modes of payment, such as salaries, contracts, etc., which account for the remaining 20%. Fee-for-service payments to physicians (excluding radiology and laboratory services, anesthesia services and anesthesia specialty) went up by 24.4% in five years, reaching \$10.2 billion in 2005-2006. Alternative modes of payment to physicians in Canada more than doubled from \$1.3 billion in 2000 to \$3 billion in 2005 according to **Physicians in Canada: The Status of Alternative Payment Programs, 2005-2006**.

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*** Accelerating the Dissemination and Translation of Clinical Research into Practice:** May 9, 2008: This is the first in a series of workshops being held by the National Center for Research Resources to discuss and share best practices and ways in which researchers can partner with community health care providers to translate clinical research into practice. Participants will develop recommendations for academic-community collaborations and partnerships with other community programs to better facilitate translating science into community-based practice. This workshop will help to identify: 1) key enablers of successful academic-community provider partnerships; 2) effective strategies for dissemination, diffusion, and adoption of research; and 3) public and private-sector partners for collaborative translational research. [Click here](#) for more information.

Conference Opportunities

Family Medicine Forum 2008 (FMF)

November 27 - 29, 2008



Research Day
is

Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

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

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Nominations for the **Family Medicine Resident Research Awards** and the **Family Medicine Resident Awards for Scholarship** are due on June 1, 2008. Nominations for the **Mimi Divinsky Award for History and Narrative in Family Medicine** are due on May 1, 2008.

Our annual Section of Researchers Dinner and Research Awards presentations will take place at **Casa Loma, the famous castle on the hill**. Stay tuned; more details will be available soon!

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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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* **Trillium Primary Care Research Forum:** The **Trillium Primary Care Research Forum** is a collaborative effort among the three south-west Ontario Family Medicine programs, The University of Western Ontario, the University of Toronto and McMaster University. Each of the sponsoring Family Medicine programs enjoys an exciting and unique primary care research culture and Trillium offers a forum for these groups to come together and share their perspectives. This year's conference is being held on June 20 in Toronto. The deadline for Abstract submissions is May 9; early registration deadline is June 13.

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IHSPR/IPPH Summer Institute: Innovation in Knowledge Translation Research and Knowledge Translation - Call For Applications: CIHR Institutes of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR) and Population and Public Health (IPPH) are pleased to announce the **7th annual Summer Institute** to be held on June 22 to 25, 2008 at the Nav Canada Conference and Training Centre in Ottawa, ON. The Clinical Epidemiology Program of the Ottawa Hospital

Research Institute (OHRI), an affiliate of the Ottawa Hospital and University of Ottawa, will host this year's Institute. The theme is "Innovation in Knowledge Translation Research and Knowledge Translation." The deadline for applications is April 23rd, 2008.

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* **Medicine 2.0™ Conference: Medicine 2.0™** is an international conference on Web 2.0 applications in health and medicine, organized and co-sponsored by the Journal of Medical Internet Research, the International Medical Informatics Association, the Centre for Global eHealth Innovation, CHIRAD, and a number of other sponsoring organizations. The conference is being held on September 4 and 5 in Toronto. For more information go to the [conference website](#).

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*/** **Annual National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly Knowledge Exchange 2008:** Registration is now open for the [Annual NICE Knowledge Exchange](#). The event will take place in Toronto on June 5-6, 2008. Many topics will be discussed such as barriers to getting research out of the ivory tower and into practice, translating evidence into practice in aging, rapid evidence assessments, evaluating knowledge translation, knowledge translation and global health.

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*/** **The Future of Primary Healthcare in Europe (II): The Future of Primary Healthcare in Europe (II)**, an international conference on co-operation, integration and organisation of primary care, will take place in England on September 15 -17, 2008. Conference themes are: urgent health care, migration and mobility, specialisms, changing hospital interfaces, workforce, chronic conditions.

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*/** **Health and innovation in Europe:** The [16th European Conference on Public Health](#) will take place in Lisbon, Portugal on November 6-8, 2008. Many topics will be discussed such as health promotion, public health practice and policy, health services research, infectious diseases control.

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*/** **New Directions in Population Health Research: Linking Theory, Ethics and Practice:** The Community and Population Health Research Training Program (CPHR) and the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU) are hosting a national conference, [New Directions in Population Health Research: Linking Theory, Ethics and Practice](#) to explore recent innovations and existing or

emerging trends in population health research as they relate to reducing health disparities for particular communities or populations. Abstracts are due April 30, 2008. The event will be held on November 12-14, 2008 in Regina.

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Young Investigators (YI) 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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* **7th Annual International Conference on Urban Health -** The **7th International Conference on Urban Health** will be held October 29 - 31 in Vancouver. The conference theme is Knowledge Integration: Successful Interventions in Urban Health.

Research Funding Opportunities

Catalyst Grant: **Pandemic Outbreak Team Leader**.
Registration deadline: 2008-05-01

Influenza Research Network. LOI Deadline: 2008-05-01

HIV/AIDS Population Health and Health Services. LOI
Deadline: 2008-05-15

Catalyst Grant: Invention and High-Risk, High-Benefit Research. Application deadline: 2008-05-01

Awards for publications in Aging (2007-2008). Application
Deadline: 2008-05-01

Prize: Knowledge Translation Award. Application Deadline:
2008-05-01

Prize: Betty Havens Award for Knowledge Translation in Aging. Application Deadline: 2008-05-01

Team Grant: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment. LOI Deadline 2008-05-15

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Secondary Stroke Prevention Health Services and Care Team Grants: The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and its partners the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's (CIHR) Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH) and the Canadian Stroke Network (CSN) are pleased to announce the launch of a **Request for Applications (RFA)** for research in Secondary Stroke Prevention Health Services and Care. 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. Letter of intent due: May 14, 2008.

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*** Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario Endowed Chair in Population Health Research:** The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario (HSFO) **Endowed Chair in Population Health Research** competition is open to all Ontario universities, hospitals and research institutes. The mandate of the Chair includes mentorship for trainees in later-pillar research, knowledge transfer and exchange, and the creation of a virtual collaborative network for population health research in Ontario. Applications due: June 2, 2008

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

* available in English only.