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Dear Members:

Reviewing for CIHR: Why? Who? How? When?

To date, at least fifty Canadian Family Medicine researchers have served on grant and award panels at CIHR and the overwhelming reaction to the experience has been positive. Participants benefit from first hand information about how funding is awarded, an invaluable insight in this highly competitive era. They also have the privilege of contributing to peer-review at the highest level while providing a family medicine perspective to the grants and awards process.

Family Medicine Researchers have often expressed frustration that fellow panel members lack understanding of the contribution Family Medicine Research makes to Canadian health care. This is our chance to ensure that they do.

I encourage each of you to consider this as an opportunity to represent the Family Medicine Research community by sharing the comprehensive and unique body of knowledge we have developed with our research colleagues in various disciplines at the national level.

Click here for answers to your questions.

Please let me know if you have further questions. I can be reached at rick.glazier@ices.on.ca.

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Research News

Kaleidoscope is changing its publication date! Please note that, beginning in September, Kaleidoscope will be published during the first week of each month. This change is being implemented to enable us to capture and exchange information with other College publications more efficiently, and to offer readers the best of both Kaleidoscope and e-news, which will continue publication on its

current schedule.

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* **National Physician Survey (NPS)**

2007 - Fast Fact: The 2007 NPS results are being highlighted in *Canadian Family Physician* with monthly **Fast Facts**. The June issue focuses on physicians' collaboration in mental health care. Patient access to psychiatric specialists is the area of care that gets the worst rating from FPs, with 64% of FPs across Canada rating access as fair or poor on a 5-point scale. Click on the link for additional information.



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Western Canadian Family Medicine Research Day: The 8th Western Canadian Departments of Family Medicine Research Day, facilitated by the Research Division of the Department of Academic Family Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, was held in May in Saskatoon. The event, which brought together Family Medicine Researchers from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, offered an opportunity for free standing papers and poster presentations, as well as opportunities to engage in discussions about potential Western Canadian collaborative research projects. This year's event, attended by 30 participants, was highlighted by a significant breadth of primary health care research topics, from clinical practice to learning through community service, and focused on various groups, from health care practitioners to community members. For more information on the day's proceedings, please contact **Vivian Ramsden**.

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RFP - Patient Safety in Emergency Medical Services Research Paper - The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) and the Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada (EMSCC), together with the Calgary EMS Foundation, have jointly identified a significant gap in the current understanding of patient safety in emergency medical services. A coordinated and collaborative approach to exploring and addressing the need for new knowledge in this field has therefore been undertaken. CPSI, EMSCC and the Calgary EMS Foundation are pleased to announce the following Request for Proposals: "Patient Safety in Emergency Medical Services". To obtain more information please visit their **website**. Deadline for submissions: August 31, 2008.

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Dr. Viv Ramsden, Director of Research, and **Dr. Keith Ogle**, Chair, Department of Academic Family Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, take a break from the proceedings at the 8th Western Canadian Family Medicine Research Day.

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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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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*** North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Annual Meeting:
November 15 - 19, 2008 - Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.**

Additional information and registration is available via the [conference website](#).

*** NAPCRG Annual Meeting Resident/Fellow "Works-In-Progress Call for Papers".
Deadline: Monday, August 25th.**

There are a few poster slots reserved for residents and fellows at the upcoming NAPCRG annual meeting. Please submit your research abstract, formatted according to the attached guidelines, to Jason (JJones@STFM.ORG) by Monday, August 25th. Abstracts must be less than 300 words. [Click here](#) for more information.

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*** 8th Annual Kunin-Lunenfeld Applied Research Unit (KLARU) Conference.**

Friday, October 17, 2008 Toronto, Ontario.

Abstracts will be accepted until September 1.

Sponsors include the Canadian Institutes of Research and the Canadian Patient Safety Institute. The conference, entitled [Connecting Research and Clinical Care: Patient Safety in Long-Term Care Settings](#), will update attendees on recent advances of safety improvements in long term care as well as practical applications for long-term care providers to take back to their organizations to implement best practices.

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*** Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada (CDPAC) Conference.**

November 24 - 26, 2008 Ottawa, Ontario.

CDPAC's third national conference, entitled [Integrated Chronic Disease Prevention: Taking Action Together](#) will focus on how individuals, organizations, strategies and sectors can collaboratively act on the root causes of chronic disease in Canada. Producing the greatest gains in the health status of Canadians will require urgent action that reduces the inequities giving rise to chronic diseases such as mental illness, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, kidney disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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Data Users Conference 2008

September 21 - 23, 2008 Ottawa, Ontario.

Hosted by The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and Statistics Canada. The theme of this year's conference, "**Linking the Health Information Chain**," focuses on the linkages between the use of data for analysis in health services research and the use of data for planning and decision making. Building off this theme, this year's program will be comprised of two tracks, each reflecting a different set of data use activities: Track 1-Innovation in Data Analysis and Track 2-Applying Data in Planning and Decision-making.

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*** Information Technology and Communications in Health
February 19 - 22, 2009 Victoria, British Columbia.**

School of Health Information Science, University of Victoria.

Health information systems are seen by many as the critical element in improving and modernizing healthcare in Canada and internationally. In order to achieve this potential there will need to be a stronger bridge between research and practice in order to solve complex healthcare problems using technology and to develop best practices based on proven results. This conference, entitled **Revolutionizing Health Care with Informatics: From Research to Practice**, will be of interest and importance to all health professionals, clinicians, information technology experts, and anyone with an interest in the health care system.

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*** Canadian Organization for Advancement of Computers in Health (COACH) Fall Forum
November 18 - 19, 2008 Toronto, Ontario.**

The consolidation of information systems is a developing trend in the information management/information technology industry and a major part of the evolving Electronic Health Record (EHR) journey. The COACH Fall Executive Forum, entitled **The Legacy Issue: Managing Transitions and Reducing Risk on the EHR Journey**, will address key factors, including transition and change management for users, data and legal obligations and related best practices, all focused on tackling those large scale transitions from one system to another.

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*** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Annual Conference: September 7-10, 2008, Bethesda, MD.**

Promoting Quality...Partnering for Change will again bring together the best of the Agency's research and provide examples of how that research is being implemented at all levels in health care delivery.

Website Info to go

The Canadian Partnership Against Cancer - The **Canadian Partnership Against Cancer** is an independent corporation charged with accelerating action on cancer control across Canada. The Partnership's website notes that it will provide the most reliable and current cancer knowledge to all parts of the country regardless of provincial or territorial boundaries, and that it will offer information about preventing, screening, diagnosing and treating cancer, as well as data and research for governments, cancer professionals and support groups, patients, their families and individuals in every part of Canada.

Research Funding Opportunities

The Canadian Partnership Against Cancer - The **Canadian Partnership Against Cancer** (the Partnership) is seeking applications for a new program initiative, Team Networks in Surveillance and Epidemiology, which is being established to support the work of Canada's national cancer control strategy. The goal of the initiative is to stimulate the creation of high quality information products that can be used to inform and monitor cancer control interventions for the Partnership. Information products will be created by drawing on existing cancer surveillance data sources and by tapping into the expertise of national and provincial partnerships. The Partnership will recruit up to four pan-Canadian Networks through this RFP process. Deadline for applications is September 15, 2008. For further information, see '**Requests for Proposals**' on the Partnership website.

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Harkness Awards 2009-10: The Commonwealth Fund, in collaboration with the **Canadian Health Services Research Foundation**, offers two **Harkness Canadian Associate Awards** annually through open competition. Harkness awards are for mid-career health services and policy researchers, decision makers (health system managers, clinical leaders, and government policy makers) or journalists.

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*** University of British Columbia Department of Family Practice Funding Opportunity:**

The University of British Columbia, Department of Family Practice, through a Community Based Clinician Investigator (CBCI) award from the Vancouver Foundation British Columbia Medical Services Foundation (BCMSF), has small funding grants available for pilot research and dissemination and/or community engagement activities of critical relevance to primary care. Contact **David Adams**, UBC Family Medicine Research Office, for more information. **Application deadlines:** September 2nd 2008; November 14th 2008; and January 5th 2009.

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*** WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety - Small Research Grants for Patient Safety - Request for Proposals:**

The aim of this new initiative of the WHO World Alliance for Patient Safety is to stimulate research in patient safety worldwide, by providing funding for small research projects. It is envisaged that the initiative will also contribute to building local research capacity as well as help raise awareness about patient safety issues. Proposals to identify, develop and/or test local interventions for improving patient safety as well as studies on the cost-effectiveness of risk-reducing strategies are invited. **Submission deadline:** 30 September 2008. For further information and to download the application form and other documents, please visit the **WHO website**. For enquiries, please contact: Ms Nittita Prasopa-Plaizier, Fax: +41 22 791 1388, Email: pssmallgrants@who.int

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Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC)

Senior Personnel Awards: HSFC New Investigator: The New Investigator Award is a salary award to support new investigators who have demonstrated excellence in their pre and post doctoral training and wish to establish their own research laboratory. Applications to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada are due on September 1, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

HSFC Distinguished Clinician Scientist (New): The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada is now offering a new Distinguished Clinician Scientist award as an integral part of the New Investigator competition. This award will be offered to the highest ranked eligible clinician in the New Investigator competition. Applications to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada are due on September 1, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

HSFO Career Investigator: The Career Investigator award of HSFO is to support established independent researchers who wish to make research their full-time career (Ontario applicants only). Applications to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada are due on September 1st. For more information, [click here](#).

HSFC Research Scholarship (New): The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Research Scholarship is a salary award intended for applicants with a masters and/or PhD and with credential(s) in a regulated accredited health discipline. The objective is to attract and foster cardiovascular or cerebrovascular investigators from a variety of health disciplines. Applications to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada are due on August 29, 2008. For more information, [click here](#).

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Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Catalyst Grant: Maternal and Child Health (Secondary Analysis of Provincial and National Databases Feasibility Study). Registration Deadline: 2008-09-01

Catalyst Grant: Pandemic Preparedness (2008-2009). Registration Deadline: 2008-08-15

Catalyst Grant: Safe Food and Water in Northern Communities. Registration Deadline: 2008-08-29.

Research Chair: CIHR Translational Objectives (2008-2009). LOI Deadline: 2008-08-15.

Clinician-Scientist Salary Award: 2008-2009 (Clinician Scientists: Phase 2). Application Deadline: 2008-09-15

Clinician-Scientist Training Award: 2008-2009 (Clinician Scientists: Phase 1). Application Deadline: 2008-09-15

New Investigator Salary Award: 2008-2009.

This program is designed to provide outstanding New Investigators the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their independence in initiating and conducting health research through provision of a contribution to their salary. Registration Deadline: 2008-08-15

New Investigator Salary Award: Fall 2008 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas). Research areas include but are not limited to: Aging; Clinical Research; Health Services, Knowledge Translation, Ethics, and Environmental Contaminants Research in Reproductive and Child Health;

Knowledge Translation. Registration Deadline: 2008-08-15

Operating Grant: 2008-2009. The OGP is open to applications in all areas of health research that are aligned with the CIHR mandate. Registration Deadline: 2008-08-18

Operating Grant: Biology of Pain Young Investigator Grant. LOI Deadline: 2008-08-01.

Operating Grant: Fall 2008 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas). Priority research areas include Aboriginal Women's Health, Aging, History of Medicine, Knowledge Translation, Mobility in Aging, and others. Registration Deadline: 2008-08-18.

Operating Grant: Maternal and Child Health (Maternal and Child Health: Secondary Analysis of Provincial and National Databases). Registration Deadline: 2008-09-01

Knowledge to Action (2008-2009). To facilitate and accelerate the translation of knowledge to improve the health of Canadians, provide more effective health services and products and strengthen the healthcare system. Registration Deadline: 2008-09-01

Research on Aging (USA-Canada) (2008-2009)(NIH-NIA/CIHR-IA Post Doctoral Fellowship Program: Training in Research on Aging in Canada). Application Deadline: 2008-08-08

Proof of Principle: Mobility in Aging Technologies. LOI Deadline: 2008-09-10

Randomized Controlled Trials: 2008-2009. Relevant research areas include Knowledge Translation, Health Services, Population Health and others. Registration Deadline: 2008-08-01

Senior Investigator Salary Award: Women's Health (2008-2009) (OWHC/IGH Joint Program - Senior Career Awards). Registration Deadline: 2008-08-15

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