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**Dear Members:**

**Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Town Hall on Primary Care Research - November 26, 2008**

The CFPC Section of Researchers will be hosting a CIHR Town Hall meeting with representatives from the CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR) during our Section of Researchers' Research Day, Wednesday, November 26, immediately prior to the upcoming Family Medicine Forum (FMF) in Toronto.

Traditionally, a town hall meeting brought together members of a geographic community-town officials and citizens-for the purpose of fostering discussion about issues affecting the community.

Town hall meetings are no less important in today's virtual world. Having evolved into forums that include participants from physical and virtual communities (communities of profession, interest, and thought), they bring together organizations, funding bodies, stakeholders and individuals from far and wide to discuss issues that relate to their specific interests and common concerns.

The upcoming CIHR Town Hall, a special S of R Research Day feature, will provide a stimulating opportunity for S of R members to meet with representatives of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to discuss issues about primary care research.

Do you have questions about the CIHR and primary care research? Ideas? Concerns? This is your chance to hear first-hand about CIHR's directions, goals and objectives for the future, and to provide a family medicine research perspective for CIHR representatives.

This is an important opportunity for the family care research community-our membership-to gather information, provide input and obtain feedback about how we can work more closely with the CIHR to advance the future of family medicine research in Canada.

Plan to be a part of the discussion. Please go to the **FMF Registration** page and scroll down to 3 - Sessions Wednesday, November 26, Research Day.

Collegially,

## Research News

### \* **National Physician Survey (NPS)**

**2007 - Fast Fact:** The 2007 NPS results are being highlighted in Canadian Family Physician with monthly Fast Facts. The July issue focuses on **family physicians and locum tenens**.



Locum tenens play a vital role in supporting physicians' practices during times of illness, vacation, continuing medical education, or parental leave. In some communities, locums provide all the care in place of permanent physicians. According to the NPS, 35% of FPs across Canada were not able to use locums in the previous year because none was available. The August Fast Fact focuses on **Hospitalist care**. The NPS defined a hospitalist as the most responsible physician for patients in hospital, without responsibility for care postdischarge. The 2007 NPS results confirm that hospitalists have extended from the United States into Canada. Click on the links for more information.

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### **Impact factor for The Cochrane Library!**

For the first time The Cochrane Library has been attributed an Impact Factor. The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews has an **Impact Factor** of 4.654 and is ranked 14 out of 100 in the ISI category Medicine, General & Internal for 2007. This makes it even more attractive for researchers to publish in **The Cochrane Library**.

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### **News from the Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre**

The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre has announced the official registration of the Réseau francophone Cochrane (RFC) as a Branch of the Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre. The primary goal of the Réseau is to better serve the needs of French-speaking authors and users of Cochrane reviews and make it easier for French-speaking people to become involved in producing and advocating for Cochrane and Cochrane Systematic reviews. For more information, visit the **Canadian Cochrane network website**.

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### \* **CHAIN - Contact, Help, Advice and Information Network:**

CHAIN is an online network for people working in health and social

care. It is based around specific areas of interest, and 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 the [CHAIN website](#).

\* CHAIN has announced the establishment of a new sub-group which will focus on **Improving patients' experience** and the humanity of care. It is being set up with the support of the King's Fund's Point of Care Programme, which aims to improve patients' and families' experience of care across the health system. The Programme is reviewing and analysing the evidence for how to improve patient experience, working with senior leaders in acute hospitals to achieve the changes in culture and management that are needed, and developing and testing interventions to support all staff to deliver care. **The sub-group will be of interest to CHAIN members interested in improving patients' experience of care and developing methods to help staff to do this.** It will be cross-cutting, meaning that it will draw members from CHAIN 1 (research and EBP), CHAIN 2 (widening participation in learning), CHAIN 3 (innovation and improvement) and CHAIN 4 (Macmillan Cancer Support). Sign up to the new sub-group by completing a CHAIN membership form at: <http://chain.ulcc.ac.uk/chain/join.html>.

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## Conference Opportunities

### Family Medicine Forum 2008 (FMF)

November 27 - 29, 2008



**The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP), and the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers** invite you to **Family Medicine Forum 2008**. The Scientific Program Sub-Committee has developed a program of innovative family medicine education based on feedback and requests from family doctors across the country. [Click here](#) to see the preliminary program.

Registration is now open! Early Bird rates are in effect until October 5! **Registrations** will be accepted via Fax, mail or online.

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### **The 4th Annual Family Medicine Research Day**

*Wednesday 26 November, 2008 Toronto, Ontario*

Research Day 2008 will feature simultaneous freestanding papers as well as the opportunity to view scientific posters. Special sessions will feature presentations by the winners of the 2008 Research Awards for Family Medicine Researcher of the Year, Outstanding Research Article of the Year and Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents. The Section of Researchers Annual General Meeting (AGM) and lunch will take place from 12:30 to 13:30, and a special Town Hall session with CIHR representatives will be held from 15:00 to 17:00.

Don't miss this chance to network with your research colleagues and learn what's new in the national family medicine research scene!

**Pre-registration** is required. Click on the link and scroll down to #4, Events.

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### **Section of Researchers Dinner**

*Thursday, 27 November Toronto, Ontario*

Plan to join your research colleagues for an evening of fun and feasting at our Annual Section of Researchers Dinner and Awards Presentation being held in Toronto's medieval castle on the hill - **Casa Loma!** Be sure to arrive early (18:00 - 19:30) for an opportunity to explore the castle via self-guided tours. This event will honour the 2008 Family Medicine Researcher of the Year, the 2007 Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article of the Year, and the winners of the Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents. Go to the **FMF registration** form and scroll down to Events for information.

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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**.

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### **The Canadian Cardiovascular Congress 2008**

*October 25 - 29, 2008 Toronto, Ontario*

Co-hosted by the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS) and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HFSC). The CCC draws physicians, researchers, trainees, medical students and other cardiovascular professionals from across Canada and around the globe, and provides cardiovascular health professionals with the ideal opportunity to exchange ideas and share experiences with

their colleagues. Visit the [CCC website](#) for more information.

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**\* 5th International G-I-N Conference - "Implementation in Practice"**

*October 1 - 3 Helsinki, Finland*

Hosted by the Finnish Medical Society Duodecim and Guidelines International Network. Plenaries will include Knowledge translation and guidelines; Guideline implementation research; and Guideline implementation in practice. Go to the [conference website](#) for more information.

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**\* The Canadian Healthcare Safety Symposium 8.**

*October 23 -25, 2008 Winnipeg, Manitoba*

Theme: Healthcare and the Law

Co-sponsors include the College of Family Physicians of Canada; Canadian Patient Safety Institute, Canadian Institute for Health Information, and Canadian Health Infoway.

The [Canadian Healthcare Safety Symposium 8](#) continues the tradition of the Halifax Series of symposia. This event has proven to be Canada's unique gathering of individuals and organizations with a desire to improve healthcare safety and enhance the overall quality of our healthcare system. The Halifax Series helps provide a better understanding of the phenomena of health system hazards, the behaviours of patients and healthcare providers, environmental and organizational factors, and the role of regulators.

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**Health Information Summit - Data Data Everywhere: Access and Accountability**

*October 20-21, 2008, Toronto, Ontario*

Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR)

The summit goal is to increase mutual understanding of the importance and benefits of health research resulting from improved access to and linkage of health information whilst respecting the privacy concerns of Canadians. It will bring together national leaders from political, provider and patient groups as well as key researchers in health information from Canada and abroad to set the stage for developing a roadmap for change. Go to IHSPR's [events website](#) for more information.

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**\* 16th Cochrane Colloquium - Evidence in the era of globalization**

*3 - 7 October, 2008 Freiburg/Breisgau, Germany*

The Cochrane Collaboration is, according to its mission, actively contributing to the accelerating globalisation process. Health care is part of this globalisation process. The **Cochrane Colloquium 2008** offers an outstanding opportunity to interact with central players active in evidence-based health care, global knowledge management and systematic reviews. Catch up on current international developments and perspectives and attend workshops to delve further into individual topics.

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**\* Look Globally-Act Locally: Integrated Care Systems Symposium**

*October 20, 2008 Toronto, Ontario*

Presented by the Canadian Research Network for Care in the Community (CRNCC) and the Ontario Community Support Association (OCSA).

This symposium features top speakers from Canada and from European countries that have implemented or are currently implementing integration initiatives. A key goal is to learn more about what works, what does not, and what needs to be done at the local level to ensure success. [Click here](#) for more information.

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**\* 6th International Symposium: Public Health & the Agricultural Rural Ecosystem - "Capturing the health and safety impact of the profound changes sweeping agriculture and rural life"**

*October 19-23, 2008 Saskatoon, Saskatchewan*

Supporters include the Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Agriculture (CCHSA) and the Canadian Rural Health Research Society (CRHRS). With rapid changes affecting the very survival of rural peoples, this International Symposium will promote sharing of new knowledge, building future relationships with other researchers from around the globe, and developing knowledge translation networks. For more information or to register, [click here](#).

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**\* Health Research Transfer Network of Alberta Conference**

*September 28 to 30, 2008 Banff, Alberta*

Hosted by the Health Research Transfer Network of Alberta at the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research. Sponsored in part by the Institute of Health Economics Alberta.

Are you looking for tools and techniques to help as you practice knowledge transfer in your work and encourage it in your organization? Are you keen to learn from others about what works and what doesn't in knowledge transfer and the latest research

findings? Do you have wisdom to share with others on the journey? Check out the [conference website](#) for program highlights and registration information.

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**\* 8th Annual Kunin-Lunenfeld Applied Research Unit (KLARU) Conference Connecting Research and Clinical Care: Improving Patient Safety in Long-Term Care Settings**

*Friday, October 17, 2008 Toronto, Ontario*

Sponsors include CIHR Institute of Aging and Longwoods Publishing Attendees will be updated 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. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

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**Canada Health Infoway Partnership Conference 2008 - Getting ThEHR!**

*October 20-22, 2008 Montréal, Quebec*

Canada Health Infoway

The [Infoway Standards Collaborative Fall 2008 Partnership Conference](#) "Getting ThEHR!" is the premier event in the Canadian health information standards community's fall meeting schedule. Don't miss this opportunity to network, engage and learn with leaders and peers in Canada's health information standards community.

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## Research Funding Opportunities

**\* The Research Transfer Network of Alberta (RTNA) and the Alberta Family Practice Research Network (AFPRN) -**

Application deadline: September 30, 2008. A one-time grant funding opportunity to support research and research transfer in primary care to improve the knowledge, expertise, and impact of primary care in dealing with patients and or community-presented issues in substance abuse or gambling problems has been announced by RTNA and AFPRN. The source funding for this grant is made possible through the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and administered through the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

## **Catalyst Grants**

### **Accessibility to health services in official language minority communities**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Circulatory and Respiratory Health**

Application Deadline: 2008-09-15

### **Ethics (2008-2009) (New Investigators and Mid-Career Investigators Transitioning into Ethics)**

Registration Deadline: 2008-10-01

Relevant Research Areas: To undertake research in ethics as relating to health or health research and/or to health policy; To encourage development of research themes that are included but not limited to the mandate of the **Health Ethics, Law and Humanities** (ELH) peer-review committee.

### **HIV/AIDS Vaccine Discovery Research (Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative)**

Registration Deadline: 2008-10-13

### **Population and Public Health**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-06

Priority theme areas: Analyzing and Addressing the Impacts of the Social and Built Environments on Health; Understanding and Promoting Equity in Health; Global Health; Physical environment and health

## **Salary Award**

### **Clinician-Scientist Salary Award**

Application Deadline: 2008-09-15

Applications are invited in all areas of health research.

## **Training Award**

### **Clinician-Scientist Training Award: 2008-2009**

Application Deadline: 2008-09-15

Applications are invited in all areas of health research

## **Doctoral Research Award**

### **Doctoral Research Award: 2008-2009**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-15

These awards are intended to provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in a health related field in Canada or abroad.



### **Canada Graduate Scholarships (2008-2009)**

(Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships - Doctoral Awards)

Application Deadline: 2008-10-15

The Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGS) Doctoral Awards administered by CIHR are intended to provide special recognition and support to students who are pursuing a doctoral degree in a health related field in Canada.

### **Fall 2008 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-15

Priority research areas include but are not limited to Aging; Clinical Research; HIV/AIDS; Knowledge Translation; Mental Health /Addictions.

### **HIV/AIDS (Community-Based Research) (2008-2009)**

Application Deadline: 2008-11-03

### **Hypertension Prevention**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-15

### **Emerging Team Grant**

### **Alliances in Mobility in Aging**

LOI Deadline: 2008-11-03

### **Fellowships**

#### **Fellowship: 2008-2009**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

Fellowships provide support for highly qualified candidates at the post-PhD or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research either in Canada or abroad. Applications will be accepted in all areas of health research.

#### **Fall 2008 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

Priority research areas include Aging; Aging Longitudinal Studies; Clinical Research; HIV/AIDS; Knowledge Translation; and Mobility in Aging.

#### **Medical Oncology**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are: to address scientific questions/problems related to basic science, clinical or translational research questions in medical oncology, such as new drug development, genetic basis of cancer, and prognostic and predictive markers of outcome; to address knowledge translation questions/problems related to integration of new therapies in clinical

practice, such as population health related to cancer including treatment and quality indicators of cancer system performance; to develop the capacity in Canada to actively participate in these research areas by providing further training opportunities for medical oncologists completing training in Canada.

### **Respiratory Health**

Application Deadline 2008-10-01

Relevant Research Areas: training projects in respiratory health research, across four broad research themes: basic, clinical, health services/health systems, and population health.

### **Master's Award**

### **HIV/AIDS (Community-Based Research) (2008-2009)**

Application Deadline: 2008-11-03

### **Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grants**

### **Aboriginal Health (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Aging (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Cancer Research (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Circulatory and Respiratory Health (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **End of Grant Knowledge Translation Supplement (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Ethics (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Gender, Sex and Health**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Genetics (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Global Health (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Health Services and Policy Research (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Infection and Immunity (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Nutrition Metabolism and Diabetes (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Partnerships and Citizen Engagement**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Partnerships for Health System Improvement**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Population and Public Health**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

### **Reproductive and Child Health (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

## **Operating Grants**

### **HIV/AIDS (Community-Based Research) (2008-2009)**

Registration Deadline: 2008-10-01

The specific objectives of the HIV/AIDS CBR Program Operating Grants are to: promote the creation of new knowledge that is relevant to communities and to the goals of the Federal Initiative; promote the dissemination of new knowledge so that it may positively impact the response of community-based organizations to the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and develop partnerships between researchers and affected communities.

## **Other**

### **Awards for publications in Aging (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

To recognize excellence of Canadian research carried out by graduate students (Masters and PhD), post-doctoral fellows, and residents/fellow in all fields and disciplines covered by the research priorities of the CIHR Institute of Aging; to recognize the participation of trainees in advancing the strategic directions and research priorities of the Institute of Aging; to recognize research contributions for which a trainee has had primary responsibility; to promote careers in research on aging in Canada.

### **Capacity Building Workshop in HIV/AIDS (Community-Based Research) (2008-2009)**

Registration Deadline: 2008-10-01

Specific objectives: to develop and enhance community-based research capacity among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community representatives and researchers from both academic and non-academic settings; to increase basic understanding of community-based research principles and practices.

### **Research Facilitators in HIV/AIDS (Community-Based Research) (2008-2009)**

Registration Deadline: 2008-10-01

Objectives: to develop and enhance community-based research capacity among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community representatives and researchers from both academic and non-academic settings; to facilitate the development of partnerships between community organizations and researchers and the engagement of affected communities in HIV/AIDS community-based research; to improve the skills of community organizations in designing community-based research.

### **Research on Aging (USA-Canada) (2008-2009)**

Application Deadline: 2008-12-08

This funding opportunity falls under the CIHR-IA and NIH-NIA Collaboration, and has the following goals: provide multidisciplinary research team environments for training researchers in the field of aging; build a cooperative spirit and strong relationship between CIHR-IA and NIH-NIA and its research communities; promote research on aging in areas of mutual interest and benefit nationally and internationally.

### **Summer Program in Japan (2008-2009)**

Application Deadline: 2008-11-03

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are: to provide opportunities for graduate students from Canada to receive an orientation on Japanese culture and research systems; to pursue research under the guidance of host researchers at Japanese universities and research institutes over a period of approximately eight weeks during the summer (from late June through late August).

### **Travel Awards in Aging (2007-2008)**

Application Deadline: 2008-10-01

Through this trainee travel award the IA seeks to encourage networking and exchange of ideas among emerging scholars working within our priority research areas. In particular, we would like to encourage interdisciplinary dialogue and cross-disciplinary exposure of research on aging and seniors' issues. To meet these ends, IA is launching a competition to provide travel funds for Masters and Doctoral students, and Post-doctoral Fellows to present their work at a conference, workshop or symposia.

## **Proof of Principle**

### **Mobility in Aging Technologies**

LOI Deadline: 2008-09-10

## **Randomized Controlled Trials**

### **Randomized Control Trials Outline (2008-2009)**

Outline Deadline: 2008-10-01

Relevant research areas include, but are not limited to the following types of interventions: Behavioural, Knowledge Translation, Health Services, Population Health.

## **Team Grant**

### **Environment and Reproductive Health** (Effects of Environmental Contaminants on Reproductive Health)

LOI Deadline: 2008-11-03

## **Undergraduate**

### **MD/PhD Students (2008-2009)** (CIHR MD/PhD Program Grants)

Application Deadline: 2008-11-03

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## **Important information from CIHR regarding funding applications**

### **CIHR is enforcing its policy on complete applications -**

Pursuant to section **1-B3 of the 2007-2008 CIHR Grants and Awards Guide**, "Meaning of Signatures on Application Forms", part (j), your signature certifies: "that the information provided in the application is complete, accurate and consistent with institutional policies to the best of the applicant's knowledge. The provision of false or inaccurate information may result in sanctions, including the termination of funding and disenfranchisement from eligibility for future funding."

**Effective September 1, 2008**, applications submitted to CIHR that do not contain all of the necessary information as described within the Funding Opportunity description and corresponding application forms will be withdrawn from the competition process. CIHR will assume no responsibility in following up with applicants who submit incomplete applications. The entire responsibility to ensure completeness of the application submitted to CIHR (including all required signatures) will rest with the applicant. Our systems have

been updated to ensure that applicants have every opportunity to view the application information before it is submitted to CIHR. To view the submission requirements, review the steps outlined on our **[How to Apply for Fund](#)** page. Applications submitted late will also not be accepted.

Please refer to the **[CIHR Policy on Complete Applications - FAQ](#)** for further information.

If you have any questions regarding the submission process, please contact the CIHR Info Service for Funding Inquiries: Tel.:613-954-1968 or 1-888-603-4178; E-Mail: **[info@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:info@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)**

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