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Dear Members

The CFPC Section of Researchers (S of R) congratulates recipients of this year's research award winners.

Dr. Stefan C.W. Grzybowski is this year's recipient of the **Family Medicine Researcher of the Year Award**. Dr.

Grzybowski began his research into obstetric and maternal care in rural communities just as policies in the 1980s and 1990s initiated the relocation of delivery and maternal care services away from rural and small communities to larger centres.

Thanks to Dr. Grzybowski's research, which demonstrated that excellent outcomes are possible through the provision of obstetric services in rural communities, many women are able to receive the care they need in their own communities at critical times in their lives, without leaving their homes, families and social support systems behind.

Dr. Stewart Harris, Dr. Jean-François Yale, Ms. Ellen Dempsey, and Dr. Hertz Gerstein are the winners of the **CFPC Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article (2008)** for their article, *Can family physicians help patients initiate basal insulin therapy successfully?*, published in *Canadian Family Physician* in April 2008. Their study compared the implementation of patient-driven bedtime basal insulin protocol as managed by diabetes experts vs family physicians. Outcomes were similar in both groups, and the study concluded that patients treated by family physicians were able to manage their diabetes as effectively in this manner as patients being treated by endocrinologists or diabetes experts.

Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents recognize outstanding resident research projects as chosen by the Chairs and Research Directors of each university's Department of Family Medicine. This year's awards go to **Émilie Beaulac** for her project entitled « La prise en charge des infections transmissibles sexuellement à l'UMF Laval - est-elle adéquate? » and **Alexis Dumais** and **Catherine Benoît** for their study « L'Arthrose du genou : soulager la douleur et améliorer la fonction articulaire par la prolothérapie ».

The **CFPC Lifetime Achievement Award in Family Medicine Research** recognizes the significant contributions made by those

whose dedicated research efforts initiated the vision and laid the foundation for the work of today's family medicine researchers. These annual awards are conferred to outstanding senior researchers from various Canadian regions, based upon the region in which the annual Family Medicine Forum (FMF) is taking place.

This year's winners are **Dr. Wayne Elford; Dr. John Z. Garson *; Dr. George McQuitty *; Dr. Peter Norton;** and **Dr. Michael Tarrant ***. (* posthumous awards). Information about all of our award winners will soon be on our CFPC Section of Researchers' website.

Congratulations to all our research award recipients!

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

Research News



Our congratulations go out to **Dr. Peter Norton**, family physician and professor of family medicine (retired) from the University of Calgary and **Dr. G. Ross Baker**, professor in the Department of Health Policy Management and Evaluation, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto, winners of the 10th Annual Health Services Research Advancement Awards from the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation.

Individuals with an unwavering commitment to improving patient safety in Canada, Dr. Baker and Dr. Norton worked together and helped establish patient safety as a critical focus for Canadian healthcare organizations. They are the authors of a ground-breaking 2004 research project entitled ***The Canadian Adverse Events***

Study: The incidence of adverse events among hospital patients in Canada, a sentinel study that is frequently cited as a critical focus for Canadian healthcare.

Dr. Baker and Dr. Norton are also co-founders of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute's ***Safer Healthcare Now!*** campaign, and both serve on its steering committee, and on advisory committees. Beyond Canada, Dr. Baker and Dr. Norton are working to create a research platform to support the patient safety initiatives of the World Health Organization.

As leaders in research knowledge creation and dissemination, Dr. Baker and Dr. Norton continue to advocate for the adoption of academically sound approaches to evaluating the practice of individuals, teams, and organizations engaged in improving patient care.

"Both Ross and Peter have been unwavering champions for quality improvement in clinical practice. They are truly among the leaders in Canada, and worldwide, in advancing the agenda for patient safety," said Don Berwick, President and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

The Health Services Research Advancement Award is presented by the **Canadian Health Services Research Foundation** to an individual, team or organization that has contributed significantly to the advancement of the health services research community in Canada and evidence-informed decision-making in the health system.

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**The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) /
Institute of Health Services and Policy Research Primary
Care Summit: Patient-Oriented Primary Healthcare - Scaling
Up Innovation**

January 18 - 19, 2010 Toronto, ON

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The CIHR Primary Healthcare Summit will bring together researchers, healthcare professionals, administrators and policy makers as a catalyst for new collaborations and innovative thinking in primary healthcare. This event will focus on effective practices in primary healthcare delivery and the requirements for primary healthcare transformation in Canada and provide participants the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences.

For more information please visit **Primary Care Summit**.

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Fast Facts

* **National Physician Survey (NPS) 2007 - Fast Facts:** The 2007 NPS results are being highlighted in *Canadian Family Physician* with monthly *Fast Facts*. The September issue of *Canadian Family Physician* focuses on the use of **electronic medical records**.

Results of the 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) show that 81.6% of FPs and GPs believe managing patients with chronic diseases increases the demand on time. Some have suggested that the use of electronic medical records (EMRs) programmed to provide disease management reminders and physician decision aids might enhance patient outcomes.¹ However, the 2007 NPS results suggest there are many barriers to integrating these higher-level functions into clinical care, even for early adopters of EMRs, and EMRs currently used in Canada do not yet have user-friendly features that facilitate management of chronic disease.

Written by Jyoti A. Kotecha, MPA CChem MRSC and Richard V. Birtwhistle, MD MSc, FCFP

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* **Health Council of Canada Launches Health Innovation Award**

The Health Council of Canada is turning to the leaders of tomorrow-Canadian college and university students-for their ideas on improving the health care system. The Health Council of Canada **Health Innovation Award** will be given to the student or students who best answer the question: "What do you propose to help renew and sustain Canadian health care, and why?"

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* **2010 BMJ Group Awards**

Entries for nominations close on Sunday, 15th November, 2009.

Research Paper of the Year

Recognises original research that has contributed significantly to improving health and health care. To be eligible the research paper you are entering needs to be published after 1st January 2009. Open to papers published internationally as well as in the UK.

Getting Research into Practice

Recognises those who have successfully introduced evidence based improvements into patient care. Project or initiative must have been completed after 1st January 2008. Open to organisations/teams worldwide.

BMJ Group Award for Lifetime Achievement

For the individual who has, over his or her working lifetime, made a unique and substantial contribution to improving health care, whether in clinical practice, health services, public health, health policy, medical education, or medical research. Open to individuals only. Open to UK and international entrants.

For further information about these opportunities, visit the [awards website](#).

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A message from the Chairperson:

We are drowning in information, but starved for knowledge.

- John Naisbitt

The key goals of the Section of Researchers are: to promote family medicine research themes; expand capacity for family medicine research; change attitudes towards family medicine research; and facilitate the dissemination of family medicine research findings. The accomplishment of these goals, I believe, depends on excellent communication with our members and the larger primary care research community. It is through communication that we share information that becomes knowledge, and demonstrate the value family medicine research brings to primary health care. Kaleidoscope has been the Section of Researchers' main communication vehicle for many years now. I invite your input and comments on how we communicate with you. Please let us know how we can make Kaleidoscope work harder to better support the attainment of our goals. You can email me at whogg@uottawa.ca or send a message to kaleidoscope@cfpc.ca.

William Hogg

Chair, Section of Researchers

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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 for more information.

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An important announcement from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR):

Canada Joins International Effort to Provide Access to Health Research - PubMed Central repository will open new pathway to Canadian health research

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the National Research Council's Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (NRC-CISTI), and the US National Library of Medicine (NLM) have announced a three-way partnership to establish PubMed Central Canada (PMC Canada). PMC Canada will be a national digital repository of peer-reviewed health and life sciences literature, including research resulting from CIHR funding. This searchable Web-based repository will be permanent, stable and freely accessible. The initial release of PMC Canada, to be available in fall 2009, will include a basic bilingual interface, a manuscript submission system for CIHR researchers and a bilingual help desk. An advisory committee of Canadian health researchers and other stakeholders will guide PMC Canada's future development. Click here to read the [full News Release](#).

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Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research - Call for Abstracts and Conference 2010

Call for Abstracts is Now Open!

Deadline: 20 November, 2009

The Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) invites you to submit an abstract for the 2010 Annual CAHSPR Conference held on May 10-13, 2010 in Toronto, Ontario. Researchers, decision makers, and students are encouraged to submit abstracts for panel, oral or poster presentations that contribute new insights about health services, systems, policy and politics.

The guidelines for submission can be found on the [abstract submission](#) website. Abstracts can only be submitted on-line. The deadline to submit is Friday, November 20, 2009.

Conference Opportunities

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Family Medicine Forum 2010

Vancouver Convention Centre - Vancouver, British Columbia October
14 - 16, 2010

Details coming soon!

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*** 37th North American Primary Care Research Group
(NAPCRG) Annual Meeting and Conference**

14 - 18 November, 2009 Montreal, QC

The North American Primary Care Research Group encourages you to attend its annual meeting to be held November 14 - 18, 2009 in Montreal. It should provide an exciting opportunity for conference goers to learn, network, and have fun in a beautiful location. The NAPCRG conference will feature three plenary speakers who will provide us with a variety of insights and perspectives-Richard C. Wender, MD, Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University who has written and lectured on the role of primary care clinicians in preventive care; Simon de Lusignan, BSc, MBBS, MSc, MRCP, chair of the Primary Care Informatics Group, Department of Community Health Sciences at the St. George's Hospital Medical School in London, England and whose research focuses on how routinely collected data can be best used for quality improvement; and William E. Hogg, MD, Director of Research for the Department of Family Medicine, University of Ottawa who will identify what makes our primary care systems work. In addition to these plenary sessions, the conference will also provide resident and fellow panels, poster sessions, and a session on the uses of social media, among other networking and informational sessions. Visit www.napcrg.org for additional travel and registration information.

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*** 19th WONCA World Conference of Family Doctors - The
Millenium Development Goals (MDGs): The Contribution of
Family Medicine**

19 - 23 May, 2010 Cancun, Mexico

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - NEW DATE

Deadline for abstract submission: November 30, 2009 at 24:00 hrs.
(UTC - 6)

The Scientific Committee of the 19th Wonca World Conference of Family Doctors, Millennium Development Goals: the contribution of Family Medicine, invites you to submit abstracts and to be part of the Scientific Programme of this international event. All abstracts must be submitted in English. You may submit more than one abstract; there is no submission fee. [Click here](#) for more information.

CONFERENCE

19 - 23 May, 2010 Cancun, Mexico

The **19th Wonca World Conference of Family Doctors** is the biggest and most important event of family medicine professionals in the world, attracting more than 5,000 doctors with experience in clinical affairs, administration, education, research, epidemiology and other health-related issues.

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Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME) 2010 - White Coat, Warm Heart: Integrating Science and Humanism

May 1 - 5, 2010 St. John's, NF

Hosted by Memorial University of Newfoundland in collaboration with The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada; the Canadian Association for Medical Education; The College of Family Physicians of Canada; the Medical Council of Canada; and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

The **Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME)** is the premier medical education conference in Canada. The purpose of the CCME is to highlight and allow participants to benefit from developments in medical education, and to promote academic medicine by establishing an annual forum for medical educators and their many partners to meet and exchange ideas. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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*** UBC Centre for Health Services and Policy Research (CHSPR) 2010 Health Policy Conference - Lost in Knowledge Translation? Innovations in Health Human Resources Policy**

Call for Poster Abstracts

October 16 - December 14, 2009

Conference

March 30-31, 2010 Vancouver BC

Early Bird Registration

October 16, 2009 - January 15, 2010

For those governing and managing our health care systems, making the best use of our valuable human resources is a top priority. But while highly skilled workers form the backbone of all health care systems, most agree that our health human resources (HHR) are poorly deployed in Canada and in most other advanced health care systems in the world. HHR-related issues continue to emerge as a top priority in every "Listening for Direction" type of exercise in Canada.

An international line-up of speakers will share their expertise and insights from across the full HHR policy spectrum including training, communications, organization, financing, regulation and policy. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

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Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) 2010 Symposium - *Evidence, Advice, Recommendations: Delivering Value for Money in Health Care for Canadians*

Call for Abstracts

Abstracts must be received by 5 p.m. EST, Friday, November 6, 2009.

Conference dates:

April 18-20, 2010 Halifax, Nova Scotia

The Program Committee invites abstracts for oral presentations, poster presentations and panel discussions related to the theme or of significant interest to producers and users of evidence-based information and advice on health technologies.

Student Poster Competition CADTH's Student Poster Awards recognize outstanding work by undergraduate and graduate students.

Abstracts must be submitted on-line. [Click here](#) for more information.

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*** WONCA - The Taiwan Family Medicine Research Award Call for Applications**

Deadline: 1 December, 2009

Please consider applying for the [Taiwan Family Medicine](#)

Research Award for new primary care researchers. Two Awards will be given to support two junior and emerging researchers to travel to Cancun, Mexico, to present his/her paper at the 19th Wonca World Conference on 19 - 23 May 2010. The Award is valued at US \$1,500 per recipient. Applications must be submitted by email to the Wonca World Secretariat at admin@wonca.com.sg. This Research Award has been made possible by a generous donation from the Chinese Taipei Association of Family Medicine to WONCA.

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*** General Practitioner Conference and Exhibition (GPCE)
Australia - *Learn from the best***
13 - 15 November, 2009 Melbourne, VIC

The scientific program offers diverse modules including didactic seminars and hands-on interactive workshops in a unique face-to-face format providing learning opportunities to assist you in attaining your medical education and professional accreditation, as well as being fully integrated with Australia's largest primary care exhibition. Visit the [conference website](#) for additional information.

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*** 2009 COACH Fall Forum - *Healthcare 2.0: Moving from Implementation to Impact: Shaping the new Healthcare through HI Resources and Results***
18 - 19 November, 2009 Toronto, ON

The annual **COACH Fall Forum** is a unique professional development opportunity for health informatics professionals from across Canada. Focusing on an emerging industry issues, this "must-attend" event is held in the fall and offers experienced, knowledgeable speakers; interactive sessions; case studies; practical tools; best practice sharing; valuable networking opportunities.

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*** Into the Light 2009 - Transforming Mental Health in Canada**
29 November - 1 December Vancouver, BC

The Mental Health Commission of Canada, Vancouver Coastal Health and Simon Fraser University are please to present **Into the Light**, a national conference on mental health reform in Canada. It will feature plenary addresses on issues that are central to mental health reform in Canada as well as a wide range of invited and submitted presentations on innovative clinical programs, community development initiatives, knowledge exchange, building on diversity, and other related topics.

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*** Institute for Healthcare Improvement - 21st Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care**
6 - 9 December, 2009 Orlando, Florida

For health care leaders and learners who are passionate about improving care, IHI's National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care is the most powerful professional event of the year. This uniquely energizing conference draws approximately 5,500 health care professionals from around the world and thousands more via **satellite broadcast**. Click here for **more information**.

Website Info-to-Go

*** / **Public Health Research Consortium (PHRC)**

The **Public Health Research Consortium (PHRC)** brings together senior researchers from 11 UK institutions in a new integrated programme of research. This aims to strengthen the evidence base for interventions to improve health, with a strong emphasis on tackling socioeconomic inequalities in health.

Funding Opportunities

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

PRIORITY ANNOUNCEMENT: PRIMARY CARE

Please make careful note of the Registration and Application deadline!

For more information about this opportunity, click on the linked title, and you will be re-directed to the CIHR Funding database where you can access complete information regarding the specific opportunity.

Master's Award

Winter 2010 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas)

Application Deadline: 2010-02-01

Additional Funding Opportunities from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Master's Award

Master's Award: 2009-2010

Application Deadline: 2010-02-01

Other

CIHR President's Fund (2009-2010)

Deadline Date: Various

Evidence on Tap - Expedited Knowledge Synthesis Application
Deadline - 2009-11-23

Prize

Michael Smith Prizes in Health Research (2009-2010)

Application Deadline: 2010-01-15

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Canadian Patient Safety Institute

Research Competition

Competition Closing Date: November 17, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. MT

The primary goal for the **CPSI Research Competition** is to develop knowledge about patient safety that can be helpful in a variety of settings and circumstances in organizations across Canada. Research funded will have patient safety as a primary focus.

Competition Streams

Stream 1: Applied Health Services Research Projects

The purpose of this stream is to support teams of Researchers and Decision Makers interested in conducting applied health services research focused on identifying new knowledge on the magnitude, scope, and determinants of adverse events or on leading practices in patient safety in Canadian jurisdictions.

Stream 2: Demonstration Projects

The purpose of this stream is to support teams of Researchers and Decision Makers interested in assessing the effectiveness of defined practices and/or tools in reducing avoidable adverse events (including critical incidents or near misses) and mitigate the effects of adverse events.

2010 - 2011 CPSI Fellowship in Patient Safety

Deadline for applications: November 17, 2009, 12:00 pm MT

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) invites promising leaders (for example, academic researchers, clinicians, managers, and policy makers) currently working in a Canadian health care organization to apply for the **2010-2011 CPSI Patient Safety Fellowship**. The successful Fellow is expected to design and undertake a program to expand his/her knowledge and expertise and use it to address a critical patient safety issue(s) in their organization.

2010 - 2011 CPSI Studentships

Competition Closing Date: November 17, 2009 12:00 pm MT

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) is inviting applications from organizations/supervisors interested in **enabling students to participate in patient safety work**. The goal is to create new collaborative learning opportunities aligned with the mandate of CPSI. Students are required to be the major resource in carrying out the tasks involved in each patient safety project.

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**The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and CIHR
Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health**

Jump Start Resuscitation Program

Applications Due: November 6, 2009

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada and the CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health are pleased to announce the inaugural launch of the **Jump Start Resuscitation** program. The aim of this strategic initiative is to build greater capacity for resuscitation research in Canada and to support the next generation of researchers who will contribute to advancing knowledge and improving the quality of patient care and patient outcomes in this important area. Available through the initiative are Master's Studentships, Doctoral Research Awards, Research Fellowships, and Research Scholarships.

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**Canadian Health Service Research Foundation - Health
Services Research Advancement Award (HSRA Award)**

The completed nomination form (with signature) and all attachments must be received no later than March 10, 2010 at 12 p.m. (noon) Eastern Standard Time.

The **Health Services Research Advancement Award** (HSRA Award) recognizes any individual, team or organization that has

contributed significantly to the advancement of health services research in Canada.

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* available in English only.

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