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## Dear Members

### Greetings for the New Year to you and your families!

As we begin the coming year with renewed vision, we would like to recognize the achievements of a number of our members during the last few weeks of 2009.

**Dr. Carol Herbert**, Dean of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at The University of Western Ontario, has been appointed to the **Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies in Washington as a Foreign Associate**. Among the highest honours in health and medicine, the appointment recognizes outstanding "contributions to the advancement of medical sciences, health care and public health".

**Dr. Ann Macaulay**, Professor of Family Medicine and Director of Participatory Research at McGill University, was the recipient of the Maurice Wood Award for Lifetime Contribution to Primary Care Research, presented by the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) at its Annual Meeting, which was held in Montreal in November. The award honours individuals who, over their careers, have made an outstanding contribution to primary care research and related fields.

Also from NAPCRG, **Inese Grava-Gubins**, Director of Research at the College of Family Physicians of Canada, received the 2009 President's Award from the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG). In his letter announcing the award, NAPCRG's 2009 President Dr. Allan Dietrich praised Inese's work, noting her leadership in bringing together the family of family medicine and working for her colleagues in the United States and Canada, her hard work and caring attitude that results in the relationship that NAPCRG enjoys with the CFPC, and her contribution as a source of knowledge and connection for the NAPCRG Board of Directors and staff.

Congratulations to Carol, Ann and Inese -- all visionary leaders in Canada's family medicine research scene.

May you all experience illuminating vision and success in the upcoming year and beyond!

Collegially

## Research News

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### **Family Medicine Forum 2010**

October 14 - 16, 2010 Vancouver, British Columbia

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### **2009 Section of Researchers' Annual Awards**

The **2009 Section of Researchers' Annual Awards** were presented to winners at the Annual Section of Researchers' dinner prior to the FMF in Calgary in October. Click on the link to read about our winners and their many achievements.

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### **Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR) Rising Star Award**

**Please mail or email your application by February 15, 2020**

The objectives of the

#### **Rising Star Award**

are: to recognize the research excellence and innovative knowledge translation (KT) initiatives of graduate students (M.A., M.Sc. and PhD) and post-doctoral Fellows studying in health services and policy research at a Canadian institution; to recognize research and/or KT contributions for which a graduate student or post-doctoral Fellow has had primary responsibility; to promote careers in health services and policy research. Follow the link for additional information. IHSPR will recognize up to three (3) Canadian graduate students and/or post-doctoral Fellows studying in all fields and

disciplines related to health services and policy research.

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**Canadian Health Services Research Foundation - Executive Training for Research Application (EXTRA)**

**Deadline: Fellowship applications must be submitted on or before 12 p.m. EST on March 2, 2010.**

As one of the Foundation's flagship programs, the **Executive Training for Research Application (EXTRA)** program develops capacity and leadership to optimize the use of research evidence in managing Canadian healthcare organizations.

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**Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) - 11th annual Health Services Research Advancement Award**

**Deadline: March 10, 2010 at 12 p.m. (noon) EST.**

The CHSRF **Health Services Research Advancement Award** recognizes any individual, team or organization that has contributed significantly to the advancement of health services research in Canada. The winner will receive

- A certificate and \$15,000 for use in the advancement of health services research in a way designated by the recipient;
- Travel, accommodations and registration to the 2010 CAHSPR conference in Toronto to receive the award; and
- Opportunities to attend and give presentation(s) about their health services research contribution at future CHSRF-led conference(s).

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**The Canadian Harkness Associate Award**

**Deadline for applications: March 15, 2010**

The **Canadian Harkness Associate Award** enables talented Canadians to participate in the **Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice**, a core program of The Commonwealth Fund's International Program in Health Policy and Practice.

Up to two Harkness awards for mid-career health services and health policy researchers, decision makers (health system managers, clinical leaders, and government policy makers) or journalists are awarded annually through open competition. Up to two Canadian Harkness Associates are selected each year. While Canadian Associates are not expected to reside in the United States

for the 12 months, the recipients are fully integrated into the Harkness Fellowships, undertake a parallel research project or case study at their home institution, and participate in all five Harkness fellowship seminars during the course of the year.

Beginning with the class of 2008-2009, two important features have been introduced to enhance the Canadian Harkness Associates' experience: arrangements for Canadian and U.S. mentors; and the addition of a \$US20,000 research and travel stipend.

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### **Member Research Highlight**

Section of Researchers' member Dr. Robert Petrella, FCFP, has been funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to study the effect of prescribed exercise on heart disease risk in patients with diabetes. He is studying whether prescribed exercise decreases heart disease risk in patients with diabetes.

Up to 80% of people with diabetes will die from heart disease. The connection between these two diseases is undeniable, but poorly understood. Because researchers haven't been able to explain how diabetes increases the risk of heart disease, they haven't been able to provide very specific advice on how to prevent it. But Dr. Petrella thinks that prescriptions for exercise might be a good place to start. Click [here](#) for the full story.

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### **\*Post-doctoral Fellowship in Primary Care Oncology, 2010-2011**

#### **University of Manitoba, Canada**

With funding from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), the **Departments of Community Health Science and Family Medicine**, University of Manitoba, along with CancerCare Manitoba, will offer a two-year **Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Primary Care Oncology** to commence **July 1, 2010**.

The mandate of this Primary Care Oncology-New Emerging Team (NET) is to combine the university's expertise with the experience of those who work in the field of primary care and oncology to create innovative, new ways of improving the care of patients and families, and the development of research capacity. Current thematic areas of investigation with the NET include; i) examining the extent to which administrative data sets can accurately capture colorectal screening practices; ii) exploring the role of family members in enhancing adherence with colorectal cancer screening; iii) developing interventions that support family physicians in promoting colorectal cancer screening; and iv) examining the extent to which the transition of patients from specialist to primary care follows established screening guidelines. Research approaches include both

qualitative and quantitative methodologies.

The postdoctoral fellow will be expected to work collaboratively on the group grant as well as undertake an independent research project dealing with a topic in Primary Care Oncology. The supervisor of this postdoctoral fellowship will be determined depending on the chosen research topic. The research team includes epidemiologists, nurses, physicians and health services researchers. Applicants should be not more than three years beyond their completed PhD; candidates with a defense scheduled by May 2010 are welcome to apply. This competition is also open to MDs with appropriate training and experience.

Qualified scholars may apply by sending a description of their proposed research project and curriculum vitae, and arranging for three confidential letters of reference to be sent to:

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Primary Care Oncology  
Manitoba Centre for Health Policy  
University of Manitoba  
408, 727 McDermot Avenue  
Winnipeg MB  
R3P 3E5  
CANADA

The successful candidate must have the Ph.D. in hand by July 1, 2010.

The University exercises a Canadian-first policy; however, all those qualified are encouraged to apply. The **deadline for applications is March 31, 2010.**

Inquiries can be sent to:

Dr. Alan Katz  
Manitoba Centre for Health Policy  
University of Manitoba  
408, 727 McDermot Avenue.  
Winnipeg MB  
R3P 3E5  
CANADA  
[alan\\_katz@cpe.umanitoba.ca](mailto:alan_katz@cpe.umanitoba.ca)

Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Manitoba).

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### **Fast Facts**

\* **National Physician Survey (NPS) 2007 - Fast Fact:** The 2007

NPS results are being highlighted in *Canadian Family Physician (CFP)* with monthly Fast Facts.

The December issue of CFP focuses on **Collaboration with other professionals to provide patient care**. Results of the 2007 NPS show the various ways FPs collaborate with other professionals. The data show that FPs are engaged in collaboration; however, there is room for improvement in some areas.

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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](mailto:bo.miedem@rvh.nb.ca) for more information.

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**\* CREMS International Medical Student Summer Research Exchange Program**

This new program will allow a University of Toronto medical student the opportunity to conduct summer research at the Ruth & Bruce Rappaport Faculty of Medicine at the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, and moreover, for a faculty member here at UofT to supervise a Technion medical student in Toronto.

The goal of this program is to support the paradigm of fostering international scientific research communication and collaboration at a very formative stage of student training between the two medical schools, both of which have excellent and well recognized medical educational programs producing graduates who are not only top clinicians, but also leading clinician-scientists in health research.

If you are interested in supervising a medical student from Israel during the 2010 Summer session (June to August), and support half of the total \$5,500 CAD stipend + partial accommodation fees (if adequate funds are available to you), please contact [Vanessa.Shaffie@utoronto.ca](mailto:Vanessa.Shaffie@utoronto.ca) for a Supervisor Information Form. Forms must be submitted to Vanessa Shaffie before **February 17th**. \*\*\*Potential Supervisors must be appointed to the School of Graduate Studies.

Please note you will be required to solicit a Co-supervisor at Technion and this partnership will then be posted (with your research project) for medical students at Technion. If you already have someone in mind as playing the role of Co-supervisor in Israel, you should contact that person directly and attempt to set up the

partnership between the two institutions. If you do not have a Co-supervisor, we can assist you in finding one.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please feel free to contact **Vanessa Shaffie @ 416-946-7866**.

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## Conference Opportunities



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Family Medicine Forum (FMF) is attended by over 2000 family physicians, family medicine teachers, researchers, residents, medical students, nurses, nurse practitioners and many other health care professionals every year.

FMF is the premier family medicine conference in Canada - our delegates come not only for the great variety of CME offered, but for the opportunity to network with their colleagues and friends from across the country.

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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**

April 18-20, 2010 Halifax, Nova Scotia

The deadline for early registration has been extended to Sunday, February 14, 2010.

April 6, 2010: Registration closes

Join us in Halifax for the **2010 CADTH Symposium** and a rousing finale to the celebration of CADTH's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Connect with other experts in the production and use of evidence-based information on drugs and other health technologies at the "must-attend Symposium of the year".

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## **\* 5th International Primary Care Respiratory Group (IPCRG) World Conference - Making every breath count**

### **Call for abstracts**

**Deadline: 8 February, 2010**

The Scientific Committee of IPCRG 2010 invites you to **submit abstracts** for oral and poster presentation. All abstracts must be submitted in English.

### **Conference**

2 - 5 June, 2010 Toronto, ON

**Registration** is open. Early bird registration closes on April 1, 2010.

Hosted by the Family Physician Airways Group of Canada (FPAGC) and co-sponsored by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

The IPCRG provides a forum for its constituent national groups so that it may represent international primary care perspectives in respiratory medicine and raise standards of care in individual countries and globally, through collaborative research, innovation and dissemination of best practice and education. This event is of utmost importance to health care professionals dedicated to the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and research of airway diseases. We call on primary care practitioners, researchers, industry and policy makers to join us and continue the work of the first four IPCRG conferences. Email [ce.med@utoronto.ca](mailto:ce.med@utoronto.ca), or visit the **conference website** for more information.

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## **\* Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre (CCNC) Symposium 2010 - Evidence in Uncertain Times: Meeting the Challenge**



19 - 20 May, 2010 Ottawa, ON

**Call for Abstracts**

Submission deadline: 12 February, 2010 6.00 p.m. (EST)

Join us during the Canadian Tulip Festival this spring for the 8th Annual Canadian Cochrane Symposium on 19-20 May 2010. This year's symposium theme, **Evidence in Uncertain Times: Meeting the Challenge**, reflects the urgent need to network, share and communicate what we have learned about the best ways to produce, synthesize and use research evidence to improve the health of Canadians. Simultaneous English-French translation will be provided during the Symposium.

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**\* The University of Alberta and the Alberta Health Services Evidence-based Practice Center Workshop - Putting Evidence into Practice**

18 - 20 February, 2010 Edmonton, AB

Evidence-based practice involves applying evidence to clinical and policy decision making. Critical appraisal provides the tools to assess the quality of evidence in the medical literature and to determine the risks and benefits of different management strategies. Through this trans-disciplinary workshop you will work through relevant examples in order to develop skills in searching for and identifying appropriate evidence, critically appraising the evidence, and applying the evidence to your area of expertise. Check out the [conference website](#) for more information.

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**\* 3rd Annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Methods and Measurement**

March 15 - 16, 2010 Bethesda, MD

Sponsors : National Institutes of Health (NIH): Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)

There is a recognized need to close the gap between research evidence and clinical and public health practice, but how is this best accomplished? Although emerging as a field of research in health and medicine, dissemination and implementation science is as yet underdeveloped. A forum is needed to facilitate growth in the science of dissemination and implementation. The National Institutes of Health is pleased to announce that this year's **annual Conference on the Science of Dissemination and**

**Implementation, Methods and Measurement**, will provide such a forum.

Researchers and evaluators who are interested in identifying opportunities and obstacles for dissemination and implementation research/evaluation are encouraged to attend this meeting. The goal is to engage in dialog, exchange ideas, explore contemporary topics and challenge one another to identify and test research designs, methods and measurement that will advance dissemination and implementation science.

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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**

March 30-31, 2010 Vancouver BC

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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**2nd Annual Canadian Forum on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement: Improving Safety Across the Continuum**

April 12 - 14, 2010 Toronto (Ontario)

Canada's **Forum on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement** will provide multiple learning streams with a national and international flavour. The program for the Forum will provide the opportunity for a variety of health professionals to participate, including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, health care providers, educators, leaders, researchers, and board members. With this year's theme, "Improving Safety Across the Continuum", we encourage participation from those who work in areas across the continuum including palliative care, home and community care, long-term/residential care, acute care, mental health and primary care.

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## **Advances in Health Informatics Conference (AHIC) 2010: The Realities of eHealth**

April 28 - 30 Kitchener, ON

Hosted by the National Institutes of Health Informatics; the Waterloo Institute for Health Informatics Research; the University of Waterloo School of Pharmacy; the University of Waterloo School of Optometry; and Healthcare IMC Canada.

You are invited to attend the inaugural conference of the **AHIC 2010: The Realities of eHealth**, an international conference focused on Health Informatics education and research. ACIH 2010 is a top-tier, peer-reviewed Health Informatics conference addressing both research and education which will attract national and international participants from both the academic and commercial communities. It will bring together academics, visionaries, leaders and experts from around the globe.

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### Website Info-to-Go

#### **ResearchImpact**

\*\* / \* **ResearchImpact** is a service-oriented program designed to connect university research with research users across Canada to ensure that research helps to inform decision-making. York University and the University of Victoria have been awarded a grant to establish Knowledge Mobilization (KM) Units. Among other services, KM Units will match researchers with key policy-makers in government, health, and social service agencies.

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### Funding Opportunities

#### **Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)**

##### **Catalyst Grants**

##### **HIV/AIDS (Community-Based Research) (2009-2010)**

Registration Deadline: 2010-03-01

##### **Invention and High-Risk, High-Benefit Research (2009-2010)**

Registration Deadline: 2010-02-15

##### **Official Language Minority Communities (2009-2010)**

Registration Deadline: 2010-02-16

## **Fellowship**

### **Fellowship 2009-2010**

Application Deadline: 2010-02-12

### **CANADA-HOPE Scholarship Program (2009-2010)**

Application Deadline: 2010-03-31

## **Operating Grant**

### **Demonstration Projects in Mobility in Aging (2009-2010)**

Registration Deadline: 2010-03-01

## **Other**

### **CIHR President's Fund (2009-2010)**

Deadline: Various

### **China-Canada Joint Health Research Initiative (2009-2010)**

Registration Deadline: 2010-02-15

### **Health Professional Student (2009-2010)**

Application Deadline: 2010-02-15

### **Institute Community Support Grants and Awards (2009-2010)**

Deadline: Various

### **Science to Business (2009-2010)**

Application Deadline: 2010-03-01

## **Proof of Principle**

### **Phase I (2009-2010)**

Application Deadline: 2010-03-01

### **Phase I - Winter 2010 Priority Announcement (Specific Research Areas)**

Application Deadline: 2010-03-01

### **Phase II (2009-2010)**

Application Deadline: 2010-03-01

## **Team Grant**

### **Childhood Obesity Research (India-Canada Collaborative Teams in Childhood Obesity Research)**

Application Deadline: 2010-05-01

## **Sleep and Circadian Rhythms**

Application Deadline: 2010-06-15

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## **Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada**

### **Built Environment: Population Health Intervention Research**

Letter of Intent due: March 1, 2010

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada is pleased to launch Built Environment: Population Health Intervention Research in partnership with the CIHR Institutes of Circulatory and Respiratory Health; Human Development, Child and Youth Health; Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis; Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes; and Population and Public Health. This strategic initiative aims to support multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral research that address the link between the built environment and health and focus on solutions at the population level.

### **Monitoring and Optimizing CPR 2010**

Letter of Intent due: March 1, 2010

In partnership with the CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada is pleased to announce the launch of Monitoring and Optimizing CPR 2010. The goal of this strategic initiative is to support research in monitoring and optimizing the technical aspects of CPR, which will ultimately result in enhanced quality CPR and improved outcomes in both adult and paediatric populations.

### **Resuscitation and Knowledge Transfer and Exchange 2010**

Letter of intent due: 1 March, 2010

The goal of this initiative is to fund research that explores how present and proposed policies, strategies, tools, training approaches, legislation or guidelines relating to knowledge transfer of resuscitation science influence the uptake of knowledge by lay-rescuers and/or first responders. The results of the research should lead to the development of new or improved knowledge transfer policies, mechanisms, and/or tools that will help improve survival outcomes from sudden cardiac arrest and ultimately, reduce disability and death among Canadians.

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\* available in English only.

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

