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### Dear Members

*It is a mistake ... to separate the art and science of medicine. ...The dichotomy between art and science is one of the fallacies of our age. Both are avenues to knowledge and both depend on mental processes which are similar in many ways.*

I. R. McWhinney MD  
"The Art of Medicine."

*There are many ways of knowing our practices and our patients. Being able to collect, analyze, and respond to the type of data that EMRs provide is a critical way of knowing. Equally important, and perhaps just as neglected, is fully listening to patients' stories of their illness experiences and the effects those experiences have on their lives.*

Nick Pimlott MD  
Canadian Family Physician  
January 2010

### What is the value of stories to family medicine research?

As these quotes assert, the art of storytelling is an important part of family medicine and the research that underpins it.

Stories and narrative can help bring to life the scientific evidence presented in a research paper. Stories can also offer family medicine researchers a valid source of information for qualitative studies, as well as inspiration, and perhaps a source of new research questions.

The [Stories in Family Medicine](#) database, developed by a forward thinking group of your research colleagues involved in the *CFPC History and Narrative in Family Medicine* project, is a valuable resource for family medicine researchers.

This database is an easily accessible, electronically searchable repository for the stories that have been gathered by the History and Narrative in Family Medicine committee. It contains over 200 stories, many submitted for the annual AMS - Mimi Divinsky Award for History and Narrative in Family Medicine.

Stories have been classified under various headings, including: birth, community, death and dying, family, health care delivery, history of family medicine, patients and physicians, etc., and can be searched by title, author, and subject.

We encourage you to visit the database, and read the many poignant and moving stories that record the day-to-day practice of family physicians in Canada. As you do so, we invite you to consider the relationship between the disciplines of storytelling, narrative and family medicine research, and the power, value and purpose of each.

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

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## Research News

### **Dr. Brian Hutchison named Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) scientific advisor for primary healthcare**

Congratulations to **Dr. Brian Hutchison**, a member of the Section of Researchers' Executive, who has been named Scientific Advisor for Primary Healthcare at the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation. Read the full announcement [here](#).

### **Calling Young Researchers! Essay Competition**

Theme: ***Health systems research: towards universal health coverage***

Deadline: May 17, 2010

The First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research (organized by WHO and collaborating partners), The Global Forum for Health Research and *The Lancet* are pleased to announce an [essay competition](#) on the theme "Health Systems Research: towards universal health coverage". The aim of the call is to identify and encourage young researchers at the early stage of their career and inspire many to action through provocative, idealistic and passionate ideas.

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### **CIHR Catalyst Grant - Funded Projects Announcement**

The Institute for Health Services and Policy Research Canadian

Institutes of Health Research has announced the recipients of the Catalyst Grants for Primary and Community-Based Healthcare research, offered in the summer of 2009. Of the 60 applications received by the Institute, 16 projects have been funded. Total grants for all projects, all one year, is \$1,478,566.

The CIHR Catalyst Grant program provides seed money to support health research activities which represent a first step towards the pursuit of more comprehensive funding opportunities.

[Click here](#) to view the list of recipients and their projects. Congratulations to all!

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### **Editor needed for Hypothesis Page!**

The Section of Researchers Executive is looking for an editor for the Hypothesis Page, a quarterly feature published in *Canadian Family Physician (CFP)*.

Hypothesis is an educational feature of the journal that discusses basic research concepts and various research topics, written for the general *CFP* readership.

The editor's responsibilities include soliciting submissions, reviewing all submissions for relevance, liaising with *CFP* staff regarding publication and editing accepted submissions as necessary. The editor's average time commitment is about 1/2 day per month.

For more info contact the current Hypothesis page Editor [Baukie \(Bo\) Miedema](#).

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### **\* Call for Papers**

*Electronic Healthcare (Longwoods Publishing)*

[ElectronicHealthcare](#) is a Canadian publication that explores e-models, e-practices and e-products for e-health in the national and international healthcare systems. Its objective is to document best practice in health service delivery and policy development. The journal provides readers - who include administrators, academics, consultants and policy pundits - with ideas, analysis, policies and best practices. Submissions can be made for the feature, commentary and case study departments. If an author's idea does not appear to fit within any of these categories, authors are encouraged to contact the managing editor. Please click here for [author guidelines](#). Please feel free to contact [Ania Bogacka](#),

*Managing Editor, Electronic Healthcare*, if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions.

*World Health & Population*(Longwoods Publishing)

**[World Health & Population \(WHP\)](#)** is seeking submission of original manuscripts from researchers and policy specialists worldwide on issues of importance in health and population, including: reproductive and women's health, social determinants of health, HIV/AIDS, malaria.

*WHP* welcomes submissions from faculty, research associates, outside collaborators, and advanced graduate students. Submissions can take the form of original research, editorials, and scholarly reviews. **[Guidelines for submission of manuscripts](#)** are found on the *WHP* website, and all submissions are subject to editorial and external peer review.

Finally, we are always seeking peer reviewers who share the philosophy of working with authors submitting manuscripts to *WHP*, in order to strengthen the depth and quality of research from diverse settings around the world. For further information please consult the website and complete the *WHP Reviewer Profile*. Please feel free to contact **[John E. Paul](#)**, PhD, Editor-in-Chief, or **[Ania Bogacka](#)**, Managing Editor, *World Health & Population* if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions.

*World Health & Population*  
*Theme Issue: Human Resources for Health*  
**Due Date: June 20, 2010**

**[World Health & Population \(WHP\)](#)** (formerly the *Journal of Health and Population in Developing Countries*) is publishing a theme issue on human resources for health and is seeking submission of original manuscripts on this topic. Workforce issues are ubiquitous whether in developed, developing, or transitional countries. However, there is a paucity of evidence, particularly from developing countries, on how to improve workforce preparation, organization, and performance. This issue seeks to fill this gap in the literature by broadly sharing research and best practices across all settings. **[Guidelines for submission of manuscripts](#)** are found on the *WHP* website. All submissions are subject to editorial and external peer review. Please feel free to contact **[Bruce J. Fried](#)**, PhD, Guest Editor, or **[Ania Bogacka](#)**, Managing Editor, *World Health & Population*, if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions.

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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 *Fast Facts*. The March 2010 issue of *Canadian Family Physician* focuses on family physicians and nutrition counseling.

According to a Canadian Community Health Survey, in 2004 36% of Canadians were overweight and an additional 23% fit the criteria for obesity.<sup>1</sup> The 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) data indicate that Canadian FPs' involvement in providing nutrition counseling, as well as their collaboration with nutritionists and dietitians, is on the rise. [Click here](#) for more information.

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**\* Section of Researchers' Executive Meeting Highlights Available**

The Section of Researchers' Executive meets twice a year to discuss new and upcoming issues, plan events and work together to advance the interests of our members. View the [highlights](#) of the most recent meeting, which was held in November.

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**\* University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine Grant Writing Workshop  
June 3, 2010**

The University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine Research Office will be hosting its annual **Grant Writing Workshop on Thursday June 3, 2010 from 1 to 5pm**. Whether you're a novice or an experienced grant-seeker, please mark your calendar to join in the presentations and discussion on how to optimize your chances of success! [Click here](#) to **RSVP**, indicating your preference for attending a breakout session in: **Basic Sciences; Clinical Sciences** or **Community Health/Rehabilitation Sciences**. Full agenda will be available soon!

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## Conference Opportunities



**Family Medicine Forum 2010**  
October 14 - 16, 2010 Vancouver, British Columbia

Research Day will once again be held on the Pre-conference day October 13, 2010.

[Family Medicine Forum \(FMF\) 2010](#) combines the annual scientific assemblies of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the British Columbia College of Family Physicians (BCCFP) and the annual workshops of the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers. 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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**\* 38th North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Annual Meeting**

November 13 - 17, 2010 Seattle, WA

Plan to join your colleagues in Seattle, Washington, for the [2010 NAPCRG Annual Meeting](#) in Seattle, Washington. The conference site is the Westin Seattle, which boasts a twin cylindrical tower design--a signature landmark in the Emerald City's skyline--featuring panoramic views of the Puget Sound, Space Needle, Cascade Mountains, and Seattle's cityscape. Mark your calendars for a productive meeting, and leave some time to see beautiful Seattle and its surroundings while you're there!

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**\* Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) - 2010 Annual Conference**

May 10 - 13, 2010 Toronto, ON

The [Annual CAHSPR Conference](#) brings together over 400 of Canada's leading researchers, decision makers, managers and trainees to exchange ideas and share findings from the most recent studies in health services and policy research. In addition to emerging research, the Annual CAHSPR Conference features provocative plenary lectures by leaders in health policy.

### **Primary Healthcare Theme Group Activities at the 2010 CAHSPR Conference**

The Canadian Association of Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) will hold its 2010 Conference on May 10 - 13 in Toronto. CAHSPR's newly launched Primary Healthcare Theme Group will hold two inaugural events during the conference that might be of interest to members of the CFPC.

A Primary Healthcare Theme Group Organizational Meeting is scheduled as a pre-conference event on Monday, May 10th, 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

The purpose of the Theme Group is to:

- Create linkages among primary healthcare researchers and decision makers
- Promote communication between annual conferences;
- Build research capacity; and
- Promote cross-jurisdictional learning.

The Organizational Meeting will provide a forum for discussion of the Theme Group structure and activities to support primary healthcare research across Canada.

All are welcome to attend and to become members of the Theme Group.

On the morning of Wednesday, May 12, the Theme Group will sponsor a panel, "The Researcher-Policy Maker Interface: Policy-Informed Research, Research-Informed Policy," which will be held as a concurrent session. The panel will include researchers and decision makers who will engage the audience in a discussion of challenges and principles for effective interaction and partnerships between researchers and policy makers.

The location of these events will be in the final Conference Program. For information on the CAHSPR Annual Conference 2010 and the Primary Healthcare Theme Group events, go to <http://www.cahspr.ca/>.

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\* **Cancer and Primary Care Research International (Ca-PRI) -**

### **3rd Annual Meeting**

13 & 14 May, 2010 Toronto, ON

You are invited to attend the **third annual Ca-PRI (Cancer and Primary Care Research International) meeting**, an open, multidisciplinary network for researchers in primary cancer care and related areas. The event, which promises to be highly collaborative and exciting, is designed as a working meeting that results in the creation of new protocols, both locally and internationally. Visit [www.ca-pri.com](http://www.ca-pri.com) for more information about the organization and previous meetings. Click here to [register](#), and view the [preliminary agenda here](#). Space is limited! Register early to avoid disappointment.

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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

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

19 - 23 May, 2010 Cancun, Mexico

The [19th WONCA World Conference of Family Doctors](#), being held in Cancun, Mexico, 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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### **\* e-Health 2010: From Investment to Impact**

30 May - 2 June, 2010 Vancouver, BC

Hosted by COACH (Canada's Health Informatics Association) and the Canadian Institute for Health Information

[e-Health 2010](#) will continue the tradition of providing an excellent conference program filled with practical experiences and lessons from those on the ground; the largest e-Health event and tradeshow in Canada; the only Canadian interoperability showcase;



unequalled networking opportunities.

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**\* Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) 7th Annual Meeting - Maximising the Value of HTA**

6 - 9 June 2010 Dublin, Ireland

Supporting healthcare decision making is the cornerstone of health technology assessment. In increasingly challenging economic conditions, budgets for HTA may be subject to scrutiny or restrictions while the role of HTA in optimising the use of healthcare resources to maximise patient outcomes is more important than ever. We are planning a high quality scientific meeting to allow healthcare practitioners, researchers, policy makers, administrators, industry representatives, consumer organizations, consultancies and other stakeholders explore how best to maximise the value of HTA. For more information, visit the [conference website](#).

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**National Healthcare Leadership Conference - Transforming Health: From Silos to Systems**

June 7 - 8, 2010 Winnipeg, MB

The Canadian College of Health Service Executives and the Canadian Healthcare Association are pleased to co-host the [National Healthcare Leadership Conference](#) (NHLC). This conference is the largest national gathering of health system leaders in Canada. Delegates include trustees, chief executive officers, directors, managers and department heads from across the country. Register early to benefit from the Super Early Bird Fee\* of \$675 + GST. This special rate is limited to the first 200 registrations received (first-come, first-served).

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**\* Trillium 2010 - Primary Health Care Research Day**

June 8 - 9, 2010 Toronto, ON

The Primary Health Care System (PHCS) Program, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will be holding the **Trillium Primary Health Care Research Day, Wednesday, June 9th, 2010.**

Conference highlights include a Primary Health Care Research Opportunities Town Hall, which will be held on June 8, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The agenda for June 9 includes a keynote address by Dr. Brian Hutchison, member of the Section of Researchers' Executive, who will speak on the Ontario results from the Commonwealth Fund International Health Policy Survey.

For more information please see the [website](#) or contact Sandi Richard-Mohamed (519-661-2111 x22136), Leslie Meredith (519-

661-2111 x22012), or [phcs@uwo.ca](mailto:phcs@uwo.ca)

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**\* The Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH)  
Presents: The 13th Annual International Heart Summit**

June 10 - 12, 2010 Toronto, ON

This conference brings together the most exciting advances in heart failure and related cardiometabolic medicine, from treatment to prevention, and innovation to application. The program is unique because of its translational theme. The global faculty and participating audience present the faces of cardiovascular medicine with a truly international perspective. To enhance the learning experience, the meeting features lectures, problem-solving sessions and case presentations to foster interaction between the faculty and the participants. The workshops will be particularly valuable in translating theoretical concepts and guidelines to individual cases in practice. Please visit the [website](#) for details.

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**Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) - Public Health in  
Canada: Shaping the Future Together**

June 13 - 16, 2010 Toronto, ON

CPHA is pleased to host its Centennial Conference in collaboration with the Canadian Institute for Health Information - Canadian Population Health Initiative (CIHI - CPHI); the Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Population and Public Health (CIHR-IPPH); National Collaborating Centres for Public Health; National Specialty Society for Community Medicine (NSSCM); Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC); Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA)

On the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA), public health practitioners from across the country and around the world will meet in Toronto to celebrate a century of achievements and to shape the future of public health. The goal of this very special gathering is to envision how we can shape the future of public health - using lessons from the past and our understanding of the present - and deepen our sense of purpose to achieve health for all. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

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**\* Academy Health 2010 Annual Research Meeting**

June 27 - 29, 2010 Boston, MA

Each year [AcademyHealth](#) hosts a number of conferences and seminars that bring together health services researchers, providers, and key decision makers to address the critical challenges confronting the health care delivery system. The meetings provide opportunities for the presentation of cutting-edge research, debates on timely policy issues, and instruction in new methodologies. The [Annual Research Meeting](#) (ARM) program is designed for health

services researchers, providers, key decision makers, clinicians, graduate students, and research analysts who want to:

- Examine emerging research issues critical to the organization, financing, and management of health services;
- Get updates on the latest research studies and current health policy issues;
- Hear the research funding priorities of foundations and federal agencies; and
- Explore the impact of health services research on improving access and quality of care.

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### **23rd Scientific Meeting of the International Society of Hypertension**

September 26 - 30, 2010, Vancouver, BC

*Be Part of the Medical Community that Defines Global Cardiovascular Risk Reduction*

The [23rd Scientific Meeting \(ISH 2010\)](#) will be held **September 26 - 30, 2010** in Vancouver, BC. The theme of the Meeting is **Global Cardiovascular Risk Reduction**. ISH 2010 will address the newest information in the field of hypertension and will also focus on other major risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Future perspectives, new research, treatment and prevention will be showcased through the [Scientific Program](#) covering four days of invited plenary talks and oral and poster presentations in Basic Science, Clinical Science and Public Health/Population Science tracts. Take advantage of opportunities to network with other clinicians and scientists, and update your knowledge and skills in cardiovascular medicine, and in particular cardiovascular risk. The Early Bird Registration Deadline is **May 15!** Be sure to [register](#) today to save over \$100! For more information about ISH 2010 visit the [Meeting website](#).

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## Website Info-to-Go

\* / \*\* [Strengthening Primary Health Care through Primary Care and Public Health Collaboration Study](#)

This four-year program of research will investigate: the structures and processes required to build successful collaborations between public health and primary care (at interactional, organizational and systemic levels); roles that nurses and other health care practitioners play in building local collaborations between PC and PH; factors that influence their capacity to foster such collaborations; and the extent to which collaborative partnerships

between primary care and public health that currently exist in Nova Scotia, Ontario, and British Columbia.

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## Funding Opportunities

### Canadian Institutes of Health Research

#### Catalyst Grant

##### [Bone Health](#)

Application Deadline: 2010-06-01

#### Operating Grant

##### [Population Health Intervention Research](#)

Registration Deadline/Letter of Intent: 2010-06-14

##### [Programmatic Grants in Health and Health Equity](#)

Application Deadline: (Letter of Intent): 2010-07-02

#### Other

##### [Clinical Investigatorship Award \(2010\)](#)

Application Deadline: 2010-07-02

##### [MD/PhD Studentship Awards \(2010\)](#)

Application Deadline: 2010-06-01

#### Team Grant

##### [Terry Fox New Frontiers Program in Cancer \(2010-2011\)](#)

LOI Deadline: 2010-06-01

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### Canadian Health Services Research Foundation

#### Patient Engagement Projects Initiative 2010 Call for Applications

Applications Due: May 27, 2010

The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) invites decision-maker led teams to submit applications for funding under the [Patient Engagement intervention Projects \(PEP\) initiative](#). The overall purpose of the PEP initiative is to promote and support the engagement of patients in the design, delivery and evaluation of health services that lead to quality patient-centered

care.

**Research on Patient Engagement in Health Services :  
Request for Proposals**

**Applications Due: 27 May, 2010**

The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) invites proposals from research teams to gather information, undertake an analysis, determine lessons learned, and document promising practices arising from the literature and the [Patient Engagement Projects \(PEP\) initiative intervention projects](#). The goal of the [Research on Patient Engagement in Health Services initiative](#) is to provide new information that will support healthcare organizations to do a better job of engaging patients.

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**THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION**

**New Investigator Award (2010)**

**Application Summary Deadline: May 31, 2010**

**Purpose**

To provide outstanding young researchers with support as they develop their career as independent research scientists or clinician scientists and to undertake high-quality research into cancer in close collaboration with established research teams. Support under this RFA is targeted at high-quality biomedical, clinical and translational research providing information which may form the basis of innovative cancer prevention, diagnosis and/or treatment. Click here for [more information](#).

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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](#).