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Dear Members:

The College of Family Physicians of Canada's Section of Researchers will hold a strategic planning retreat at the end of April 2012 to review its purpose and responsibilities, and to determine priorities for the future.

The Council of the Section of Researchers is asking for your input into the planning process and the resulting plan, which will provide a framework and clearly outlined activities that will help us continue to build family medicine research capacity in Canada, develop the role for research within the discipline of family medicine, and increase the visibility of family medicine research to its various publics.

A survey will be emailed to each member of the Section of Researchers in the near future. The Section of Researcher's Council want your voice to be included in the process of envisioning the future directions of the Section, and the resulting strategic plan.

Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us when the survey arrives in your email. With your input, we can influence the future of family medicine research and the roles it will play in the future of primary health care – your input is welcome!

Collegially

The Section of Researchers' Executive  
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## Research News

### Member highlights

#### **\* Section members play key roles in Manitoba cancer research program**

Two Section of Researchers members are playing key roles on a research team that is addressing the roles of family physicians in colorectal cancer (CRC) screening and follow-up care.

Dr. Alan Katz, Chair of the Section of Researchers' (SofR) Council, and Dr. Jeff Sisler, also a member of the SofR Council, have been involved in the Primary Care Oncology-New Emerging Team (PCO-NET), an interdisciplinary team of researchers under a 5-year grant for teams in primary care oncology research funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). It is believed that considerable opportunities for impact on the quality of care specific to the provision of screening and follow-up in primary care for CRC exist. The team structure and function was designed to facilitate and support both capacity-building and knowledge translation, and to build on CancerCare Manitoba's (CCMB) two primary care networks: the Urban Primary Care Oncology Network and the Community Cancer Program (rural) to capitalize on their social networks in knowledge exchange, dissemination, and implementation.

Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Manitoba. Of those who are diagnosed with colorectal cancer in Manitoba on an annual basis (approximately 780), half will die of the disease. The number of new cases of CRC in Manitoba is projected to increase by at least 26.1% by 2025 and prevalence is expected to increase by 52.1% in the same period. While the evidence shows that CRC screening is effective, it is estimated that only about 23% of Manitobans eligible for screening are actually screened; many colorectal cancers are detected late and are by that time incurable.

In addition, the roles of the family physician have been limited to providing advice on cancer prevention and providing limited screening services. However, research into other cancers, such as breast cancer, has shown that study into additional potential roles for family physicians following acute treatment of colorectal cancer, including follow-up care, is warranted.

The grant is entering the last year of its funding and the team has published numerous papers to date.

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## **The Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN)**

The Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network (CPCSSN) is a pan-Canadian initiative that maintains a database of digital information on chronic disease management. CPCSSN works with Sentinels across the country to collect data through 10 different Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) on 8 chronic diseases and neurological conditions (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, depression, diabetes, hypertension, osteoarthritis, Alzheimer disease and related dementias, epilepsy, and Parkinson disease).

This information is intended to be utilized as a resource for monitoring chronic disease in Canada, as well as for primary care research and surveillance initiatives. CPCSSN has been organized as a network of networks. Currently there are 10 Primary Care Research networks participating across 8 provinces: Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. With strong support from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), CPCSSN is partnering with the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Canadian Institute for Health Information. The CFPC has been instrumental in both the support and the development of this network.

CPCSSN aims to collect, in a privacy sensitive manner, de-identified primary care patient health information, for the purpose of on-going surveillance of chronic disease; risk factors, prevalence rates, treatment patterns, and to engage in research through the use of this new and unique Canadian data source that will lead to improved health. The unique expertise developed by the CPCSSN team, a combination of experienced primary care researchers, epidemiologists, and information technology experts, is very timely considering the significant financial investments of the healthcare system in EMRs.

To learn more about CPCSSN, please visit [www.cpcssn.ca](http://www.cpcssn.ca) or contact Anika Nagpurkar, Knowledge Translation & Exchange Officer at [an@cfpc.ca](mailto:an@cfpc.ca).

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## Research Awards & Grants for Family Physicians

These awards recognize achievement in family medicine research and support CFPC members in research projects related to meeting the changing needs of their community.

### Family Medicine Researcher of the Year Award

This award is supported by the CFPC's Research and Education Foundation

**Nominations must reach the CFPC national office by April 1, 2012**

### CFPC Lifetime Achievement Awards in Family Medicine Research

Supported by the College of Family Physicians of Canada

**Nominations must reach the CFPC national office by April 1, 2012.**

### Family Medicine Resident Awards for Scholarship

Supported by The College of Family Physicians of Canada

**Nominations must be submitted to the CFPC Honours & Awards Committee by June 8, 2012.**

The Chairs, Postgraduate Directors and Research Directors from each Canadian family medicine residency program are asked to identify the department's best scholarly work by one of their residents, **using the department's own criteria**. A nomination package will be mailed the Chairs and Directors in order for them to complete this process.

### Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents

Supported by AMS, Scotiabank, the CFPC and the CFPC's Research and Education Foundation

**Nominations must be submitted to the Honours and Awards Committee at the CFPC national office by June 8, 2012.**

Two awards will be presented to recognize family medicine residents (R1 or R2) for excellent research carried out and completed prior to June 1, 2012. The Chairs and Research Directors of each family medicine residency program will identify the most outstanding research project from their program in 2012. A nomination package will be mailed to the Researchers' Directors in order for them to complete this process.

For more information about these and other awards, visit the CFPC's [Honours and Awards](#) webpage.

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## Canadian Institutes of Health Research

### Proposed Changes to Open Suite of Programs and Enhancements to the Peer Review Process

Investigator-initiated research remains a vital part of the Canadian health research enterprise. At the same time, the world of health research and its funding context are evolving. Recent trends around the world show a move towards increasingly multidisciplinary and transformative research. In its second strategic plan, [Health Research Roadmap: Creating innovative research for better health and health care](#), CIHR recognized that changes were

needed to enhance the way it funds investigator-initiated health research and knowledge translation to fulfill both the broad spectrum of CIHR's mandate and sustain the Canadian health research enterprise. To address these changes, CIHR has embarked on a process to reform the Open Suite of Programs and Peer Review process.

### **How Can I Get Involved?**

We encourage you to share your perspectives and comments with us as we continue to develop the new Open Suite of Programs and Peer Review Process.

You can submit feedback by:

- completing a [feedback form](#)
- attending an [institution discussion](#)
- sending us an email at [Roadmap-Plan.Strategique@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:Roadmap-Plan.Strategique@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

For more information, click [here](#).

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### **\* Residencies at the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center**

**Application deadlines: May 1, 2012**

Through conferences and residencies, the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, in Northern Italy, supports innovations that change the way we solve global problems. Here people of diverse expertise and backgrounds come together in a thought-provoking, collegial environment that helps promote impact on a wide range of world issues. To apply, and for more information, please visit the [website](#) or download a [brochure](#).

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## Conference Opportunities



**Family Medicine Forum 2012**  
**Canada's premier family medicine conference**

Mark your calendar!

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP), and the CFPC's Section of Teachers and Researchers invite you to

**Family Medicine Forum 2012**

**15 – 17 November, 2012**

**Toronto, ON**

**Pre-conference day November 14.**

**Research Day will be held on Wednesday, November 14.**

**The call for [Research Day Free-standing papers and posters](#) is open.**

**The deadline for submissions is April 16, 2012.**

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**\* North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**1 – 5 December, 2012 New Orleans, LA**

**Submissions for papers, posters, and workshops are invited. Submission must be entered using the online submission process.**

**The deadline for submissions is April 23, 2012.**

You are invited to submit a proposal to present a paper, poster, workshop or forum at the 2012 NAPCRG Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana USA. The meeting will be held December 1-5, 2012. Proposals on any topic relating to primary care research are welcome from researchers throughout North America and the rest of the world. Click on the link for [information](#) on how to submit your application.

If you would like to submit your proposal in French, please email Ms. Jill Haught at [jhaught@napcrg.org](mailto:jhaught@napcrg.org).

**\* Maurice Wood Award**

**Nominations for the 2012 Wood Award are now being accepted. Email your nomination, along with a CV of the individual, to Priscilla Noland at [pnoland@napcrg.org](mailto:pnoland@napcrg.org).**

The Maurice Wood Award for Lifetime Contribution to Primary Care Research is given annually to honor a researcher who has made outstanding contributions to primary care research over the course of a lifetime. Scientists from all nations, working in all professional fields and scientific disciplines, are eligible to receive the Wood Award, which is presented at the NAPCRG

Annual Meeting. The award is named in honor of Maurice Wood, an early leader in primary care research and a founder of NAPCRG.

**Attention Fellows, Residents, and Students: You can join NAPCRG for free!**  
Click on the link to get your free [Researcher-in-Training e-Membership](#).

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**\* Practice Based Research Network Conference 2012**  
**21 – 22 June, 2012 Bethesda, MD**

The North American Primary Care Research Group is proud to host the 2012 Practice Based Research Networks Conference, thanks to a grant from AHRQ. This conference will address not only the science of research and operation of PBRNs but also provide for the presentation of studies focusing on practice improvement, behavioral health, diagnosis and treatment issues encountered in primary care practice, and the efficacy of interventions and prevention modalities. Participants will share their skills, knowledge, and outcomes at this collaborative conference. Those involved in PBRN research, including academicians, researchers of all health professional disciplines and geographic locations, policy makers, practicing clinicians, and other health professionals involved in PBRN research and operations should plan to attend. Early bird [registration](#) is now open.

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Click here to see more [Conference Opportunities](#).

## Funding Opportunities

**The Canadian Institutes of Health Research and its partners have launched the Innovation Team Grants: Community-Based Primary Healthcare (CBPHC) funding opportunity**

### **Important Dates**

Phase 1: Letter of Intent

Application Deadline: 2012-05-01

Anticipated Notice of Decision: 2012-07-03

Phase 2: Full Application

Application Deadline: 2012-10-15

Anticipated Notice of Decision: 2013-04-01

Funding Start Date: 2013-04-01

CIHR and its partners will provide funding for teams undertaking programmatic, cross-jurisdictional and interdisciplinary research to develop, implement, evaluate, and compare innovative models for chronic disease prevention and management in CBPHC and improving access to appropriate CBPHC for vulnerable populations.

**Funding**

Up to \$ 31,665,000 over five years is available through this funding opportunity to support Canada-based teams (additional funds through partners in Australia and New Zealand will be available to components of the teams based in those countries).

For more information about the Community-Based Primary Healthcare Initiative, click [here](#).

Click here to view upcoming [Funding Opportunities](#).

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