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Dear Members,

The past six months have been a very busy and exciting time for the Section of Researchers (SOR) and the Research Department at the CFPC! We warmly welcome our new Chair of the SOR, Dr. Wendy Norman! As well, we would like to say a heartfelt thank you to outgoing Chair, Dr. Alan Katz, for all his work and accomplishments during his term as SOR Chair.

The Research Department has seen some recent staffing changes. After 31 years, Director of Research Inese Grava Gubbins has retired. Throughout Inese's career at the College, her passion and dedication to the field of research have always been evident. She has been fundamental to many important projects, and her wealth of knowledge has made a significant contribution to family medicine research in Canada. Thank you Inese for all that you have done- we will miss you!



After 3 years at the CFPC, Dr. Cheryl Levitt has resigned from her position as the Interim Research Director. Cheryl's vision, passion and expertise in Family Medicine research were instrumental in carrying out the goals of the Section of Researchers and the Blueprint. We thank her for her tireless energy and devotion to the Section of Researchers during her time at the CFPC.

As well we have several new staff positions in the Research Department: Randi Holden-Stanley, Section of Researchers Coordinator; Deirdre Snelgrove, Manager; and Tinu Ojikutu, Administrative Assistant. Please feel free to contact them for any inquires you may have.

After eight years, CPCSSN's time at the CFPC is wrapping up, as the project moves to its new home: Queen's University. [Read more.](#)

Research News



Members of the SOR, along with members of the CFPC executive team, made a trip to the Robert Graham Centre in Washington DC to meet with their ABFM counterparts to discuss collaborative efforts on research in Family Medicine. The visit was a great success and we look forward to learning more from, and with, our neighbours to the South!

Latest Action from our “Action Groups”

Tremendous progress has been made in all pillars of our blueprint. Four ‘Action Groups’ have been formed to work toward achieving our strategic plan: Action Group for Advocacy in Research (AGAR); Research Community of Practice (RCOP), Practice based research Network Working Group (PBRN) and Preparation for Research Education/Excitement/ Enhancement/Engagement in Practice (PREEP) Action Group (PREEEP). This month, we highlight the work of our AGAR Action group:

The Section of Researchers and the Research Department are committed to advocating for research in Family Medicine. The formation of an “Action Group for Advocacy in Family Medicine Research” is one of our working groups that has emerged for our blueprint. The group met for the first time in March and has exciting plans for how to increase advocacy in family medicine research. Stay tuned!

Attention all attendees of FMF!



This year, for the first time ever, Research Day and the Family Medicine Educational Forum (FMEF) are joining forces to create a conjoint pre-conference day. This new day titled, “Family Medicine Innovations in Research and Education” will enable registrants to attend both education workshops and research presentations. Don’t miss our joint plenary session which will feature Brown University’s Dr. Jeff Borke, an engaging speaker and prominent family medicine researcher, teacher and administrator who is sure to challenge and stimulate us to reflect upon the various roles played by family physicians.

Congratulations to our Chair! Dr. Wendy Norman was announced as the recipient of the 2015 Enid Johnson MacLeod Award by the Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC) on February 23, 2015. This award recognizes an FMWC member who has made the most significant contribution to the promotion of women’s health research and/or women’s health education.



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Conference Opportunities

Family Medicine Forum
November 11-14, 2015
Metro Toronto Convention Centre