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**Dear Members:**

The Section of Researchers is thrilled to announce the first five recipients of the CFPC Lifetime Achievement Awards in Family Medicine Research. The inaugural presentation of these awards will take place at the CFPC Section of Researchers' Dinner during the 2008 Family Medicine Forum.

The recipients of this year's awards, as chosen by their peers, are:

**Dr. Martin Bass**

**Dr. May Cohen**

**Dr. Earl Dunn**

**Dr. Brian Hutchison**

**Dr. Walter Rosser**

These awards honour our senior researchers- our trailblazing colleagues, whose lifelong career achievements provided a foundation on which to build the discipline of family medicine research. This new CFPC award will honour senior researchers regionally, moving across the country as future FMFs are held in various regions of Canada.

Please make plans to join us in congratulating and honouring these visionary leaders in our profession at the CFPC Section of Researchers' Dinner, which will take place during the FMF at Casa Loma, Toronto's famous castle on the hill. A sumptuous feast, a castle decorated for the holidays, friends and fun are in store. Go to **FMF Registration**, 4- Events before November 9 to purchase your S of R dinner tickets online, or purchase them onsite at the Registration Desk.

The program for the 4th Annual Family Medicine Research Day, being held on Wednesday, November 26, has been finalized, and promises members a stimulating day of freestanding papers, scientific posters and information exchange. The CFPC Section of Researchers has planned another major event of interest to FM researchers: a Town Hall meeting with representatives from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Health Services and Policy Research and other CIHR institutes. The Town Hall will provide an opportunity for S of R members to meet with representatives to discuss issues about family medicine research, to hear about CIHR's directions, goals and objectives for the future, and to provide a family medicine research perspective for CIHR representatives.

Plan to be a part of the discussion. Pre-registration for Research Day is required; pre-register online, by going to the **FMF Registration** pages and scroll down to 3 - Sessions on Wednesday, November 26, Research Day. (Online registration closes on November 9. You can also register onsite at the Registration Desk.)

As we put the finishing touches on the plans for presenting our awards at FMF, we have just received word that our FM research colleague, Dr. Martin Fortin, of Université de Sherbrooke, has been awarded the ***Applied Chair in health services and policy research on chronic diseases in primary care*** from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (CIHR-IHSPR) and the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF). This new Chair is part of the Applied Health Services and Policy Chairs Program, a program launched in 2007 to provide support to mid-career faculty who conduct policy-relevant research, are dedicated to the exchange of this research with decision makers, and train and mentor new researchers.

### **Congratulations, Martin!**

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

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## Research News

### **FAST FACT**

#### **\* National Physician Survey (NPS)**

**2007 - Fast Fact:** The 2007 NPS results are being highlighted in Canadian Family Physician with monthly Fast Facts. The October issue focuses on **Intraprofessional**

**relationships**. According to the 2007 National Physician Survey, several factors might affect physicians' perceptions of overall satisfaction with relationships. These include working dynamics (the usefulness and reliability of consultations FPs receive from other specialists, and the usefulness and reliability of referrals other specialists receive from FPs), access to other physicians, and remuneration. Click on the link for more information.



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**National Physician Survey Supplement Available - A**

supplement to the National Physician Survey, entitled "***The face of family medicine today***", was circulated with the October issue of *Canadian Family Physician*. The supplement provides a brief overview of some of the key issues facing family physicians in their professional and personal lives, and offers the personal perspectives of family physicians with special interests in various aspects of family medicine. Click on the link to view the supplement.

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\* In addition, *Canadian Family Physician* provides an in-depth look at the survey methodology with an article entitled "**Effects of various methodologic strategies: Survey response rates among Canadian physicians and physicians-in-training**", co-authored by the Research Department's Director, Inese Grava-Gubins, MA, and National Physician Survey and Janus Project Coordinator Sarah Scott, MHSc. Look for it in your copy of CFP, or click on the link above to read the full article.

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***Canadian Family Physician (CFP)* has a position opening for Scientific Editor.**

The Scientific Editor works with the Editorial Advisory Board, the Associate Scientific Editors, the journal's professional editorial staff, a corps of volunteer peer reviewers, experts in the field of family medicine, and prospective authors across the country to choose and prepare articles for publication. The key function of the Scientific Editor is to identify topics, recruit authors, and develop articles that combine timely medical relevance with a high degree of reader interest and that particularly serve and advance the field of family medicine. See the November issue of CFP for full details, or contact the Director of Publications at [dd@cfpc.ca](mailto:dd@cfpc.ca).

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**Submissions invited for new CFP feature: Hypothesis Page:**

*Canadian Family Physician (CFP)* invites submissions from researchers and non-researchers for a new 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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\* **Academic Research Position in Family Medicine** - The University of Calgary's Department of Family Medicine invites

applications for a full-time academic position at the Associate Professor level or higher to take on a leadership role within the Department. The Department wishes to appoint a family physician candidate with a particular interest and record of achievement in research in family medicine or primary care. In addition, academic duties for all full-time positions in our Department include teaching and supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate learners. Clinical experience working in multidisciplinary collaborative teams would be considered an asset. Substantial managerial experience, and evidence for the exhibition of leadership in an academic setting, would be an asset. Qualifications include an MD, certification from the College of Family Physicians of Canada, eligibility for licensure in the Province of Alberta and for privileges in the Alberta Health Services Calgary Health Region. In addition, candidates should possess a graduate degree (Masters or PhD) in a relevant discipline. Please submit curriculum vitae, a letter outlining how current qualifications and experience meet the above requirements and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent directly to:

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#1707, 1632 -14 Avenue N.W.  
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Fax: 403-210-9205

The Department of Family Medicine will commence assessment of applications as of December 15, 2008.

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**\* Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI)**

Call for Abstracts - New Deadline

Updated Deadline for Submissions: December 1, 2008

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute invites you to submit an abstract for a poster presentation at Canada's Forum on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement being hosted in Toronto, Ontario at the Westin Harbour Castle on April 28-30, 2009. With the increasing national and international focus on patient safety, the need for a broad forum for learning has been identified. 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 opportunity for a variety of professionals to participate, including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, health care providers, educators, leaders, researchers and board members. To obtain more information please visit the [CPSI website](#).

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**\* Postdoctoral Fellowship in Primary Care and Community-based Participatory Research:** The Medical College of Wisconsin Departments of Family and Community Medicine, General and Community Pediatrics, General Internal Medicine and Population Health are accepting applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Primary Care and Community-based Research. Qualifications: An MD or DO degree, board eligibility/ certification in Family Medicine, Pediatrics or Internal Medicine, eligibility for licensure to practice medicine in the state of Wisconsin, and a commitment to a career in research to improve primary care access and quality, and to reduce health disparities; OR an earned doctorate in sociology, urban studies, health psychology, health education, social work, nursing, public health, health services research, or other relevant field. Ideal candidates have strong interest in working with underserved communities and understand how community organizations impact the lives underserved urban and rural residents. U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Residency is required. Spanish speakers and individuals from minority groups underrepresented in academic medicine are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information contact: **Veronica Ruleford**, Program Coordinator for the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin located at 8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226. Phone: (414) 456-4243, or go to the [program webpage](#).

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**\* Call for Papers:** The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) and the Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health (CERAH), Lakehead University, are working together to promote and facilitate a thematic issue on Aboriginal Hospice Palliative Care in the Journal of Palliative Care, set to appear in September 2009. There are several different formats available for submissions, including case reports, research articles and forums (opinion pieces). Deadline for receipt of manuscripts is mid-February 2009 at the latest. All manuscripts submitted will be peer-reviewed. Please contact Greg Adams ([gadams@scohs.on.ca](mailto:gadams@scohs.on.ca)) at the CHPCA or Dr. Mary Lou Kelley of CERAH ([mlkelley@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:mlkelley@lakeheadu.ca)) for further information.

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## Conference Opportunities

### Family Medicine Forum 2008 (FMF)

November 27 - 29, 2008



**The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP), and the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers** invite you to **Family Medicine Forum 2008**. The Scientific Program Sub-Committee has developed a program of innovative family medicine education based on feedback and requests from family doctors across the country. [Click here](#) to see the preliminary program.

**Registrations** will be accepted via Fax, mail or online until November 9. Onsite registration begins on November 26 at 7:00 a.m.

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#### **The 4th Annual Family Medicine Research Day**

*Wednesday 26 November, 2008 Toronto, Ontario*

Research Day 2008 will feature simultaneous freestanding papers as well as the opportunity to view scientific posters. Special sessions will feature presentations by the winners of the 2008 Research Awards, including the Family Medicine Researcher of the Year, the CFPC Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article and Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents. The Section of Researchers Annual General Meeting (AGM) and lunch will take place from 12:00 to 13:30, and a special Town Hall session with CIHR representatives will be held from 15:00 to 17:00.

Don't miss this chance to network with your research colleagues and learn what's new in the national family medicine research scene! **Pre-registration** is required. Click on the link and scroll down to #4, Events, before November 9 to register online, or register onsite at the Registration desk.

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#### **Section of Researchers' Dinner**

*Thursday, 27 November Toronto, Ontario*

Plan to join your research colleagues for an evening of fun and feasting at our Annual Section of Researchers Dinner and Awards Presentation being held in Toronto's medieval castle on the hill - **Casa Loma!** Be sure to arrive early (18:00 - 19:30) for an opportunity to explore the castle via self-guided tours. This event will honour the 2008 Family Medicine Researcher of the Year, the authors of 2007 CFPC Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article, the recipients of the CFPC Lifetime Achievement Awards in Family

Medicine Research and of the Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents. Go to the [FMF registration](#) form and scroll down to Events for information. Pre-register online before November 9 or onsite beginning on November 26, 7:00 a.m.

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**\* North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Annual Meeting**

*November 15 - 19, 2008 - Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.* Additional information and registration is available via the [conference website](#).

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**Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre - 7th Canadian Cochrane Symposium -**

**[Wave to the Future: Navigating health connections among systematic reviews, policies and practices](#)**

March 11 - 12, 2009

Halifax, Nova Scotia

Funded by the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) and the [Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health](#)

Focuses on the essential role systematic reviews have in informing decision-making processes in health based on the best knowledge available. Call for abstracts: Abstracts and proposals must be submitted no later than 12:00 a.m. Atlantic Time, October 15, 2008.

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**\* The 21st Health Policy Conference of the UBC Centre for Health Services and Policy Research: Health Innovation for Patients and Populations: Science, Systems & Structures**

*24 & 25 February 2009 Vancouver BC*

Featuring experts from around the world, this international symposium will bring researchers and policy makers together to explore various dimensions of health innovation. Come to explore how science, systems and structures can be organized to develop and apply valued technical and social innovations for patients and populations. Poster abstracts due November 21, 2008. Go to the [conference website](#) for details.

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**\*\* Public Health in Canada: Strengthening Connections - 2009 Annual Conference - Call for Abstracts**

Hosted by CPHA in collaboration with the Canadian Institute for Health Information - Canadian Population Health Initiative; Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Population and Public Health; Public Health Agency of Canada; National Collaborating Centres (NCC) for Public Health and the Manitoba Public Health Association (MPHA).

The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) is pleased to announce the **Call for Abstracts** for the **2009 Annual Conference**. The conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from June 7-10, 2009. The conference theme 'Public Health in Canada: Strengthening Connections' will provide a forum for sharing our progress and will focus on strengthening the connections among research, policy and practice, clinical care and public health. Online submission opens Monday, 3 November 2008. Deadline for submission: 17 December 2008.

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**\* Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences Symposium: Health Care 2009**

Methods, Measurement and Engagement

*February 2, 2009 Toronto, ON*

Sponsored by the Government of Ontario and the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

The 2009 symposium, entitled **Methods, Measurement and Engagement** will feature presentations, panels and small-group discussions on several topics, including: sharing information through distributed data networking; reflections on eHealth; enhancing capacity for population health surveillance; health services research methodologies 101; effective data partnership models; data presentation and interpretation; and challenges of measuring and costing.

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**\* Institute for Healthcare Improvement**

Celebrating 20 Years: The Future of Health Care Is Ours to Imagine  
*December 8-11, 2008 Nashville, Tennessee*

Imagine a place where healthcare leaders and learners who are passionate about improving care can come together in the year's most powerful and energizing event: **IHI's National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care**. Join in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the National Forum to reflect on past successes and look ahead to an even brighter future. This conference draws nearly 7,000 healthcare professionals from around the world and thousands more via satellite broadcast.

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**\* Information Technology and Communications in Health**

*February 19 - 22, 2009 Victoria, British Columbia.*

School of Health Information Science, University of Victoria.

Health information systems are seen by many as the critical element in improving and modernizing healthcare in Canada and internationally. In order to achieve this potential there will need to



be a stronger bridge between research and practice in order to solve complex healthcare problems using technology and to develop best practices based on proven results. This conference, entitled **Revolutionizing Health Care with Informatics: From Research to Practice**, will be of interest and importance to all health professionals, clinicians, information technology experts, and anyone with an interest in the health care system.

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**\* University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio  
22nd Annual Primary Care Research Methods & Statistics  
Conference**

*December 5 - 7, 2008 San Antonio, Texas*

Since 2001, the Primary Care Research Methods & Statistics Conference has focused on the development of primary care research skills for both the novice and expert researcher. This year's theme is Complexity Science: Applications in Primary Care Research. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

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## Funding Opportunities

### **Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI)**

**2008 Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) Research Competition:** The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) is pleased to announce its fourth **Research Competition** to continue its strategic mandate of increasing the scope and scale of research and evaluation activities in patient safety. The primary goal for 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. Completed packages must be received no later than Tuesday December 2, 2008, 12:00 p.m. MT.

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

#### **Request for Proposals: Assessing the Impact of the Health Check™ Food Information Program**

*Proposal deadline: January 15, 2009.*

The purpose of this initiative is to engage the services of a team of research consultants/contractor(s) to assess the impact of the HSFC Health Check™ Food Information Program after 10 years in operation. For more information, please visit the [HSFC website](#).

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## **National Cancer Institute of Canada (NCIC)**

### **Travel awards for senior level PhD students**

*Deadline: December 1, 2008*

The National Cancer Institute of Canada offers a limited number of **Travel Awards** (supported by the Canadian Cancer Society) to senior level PhD or MD/PhD students. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance by helping defray the travel costs associated with making a scientific presentation at a conference, symposium or other appropriate professional gathering.

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

### **Fellowship**

#### **Fellowship: Mobility in Aging and Dementia (2008-2009)**

*Application Deadline: 2008-11-14*

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are: to provide support to highly qualified academic researchers at the early stages of their career; to advance knowledge and its application in the field of mobility in aging and dementia; and to respond to Research and knowledge translation gaps identified by the Alzheimer Society of Canada and the CIHR Institute of Aging.

### **Operating Grant**

#### **Operating Grant: Collaborative Research to Action in Dementia**

*Application Deadline: 2008-11-14*

The purpose of this joint Collaborative Research to Action in Dementia grant funding opportunity is to promote national and international collaborations aimed at accelerating the translation of research in the fields of Alzheimer Disease and related Dementias into improved diagnosis, treatment and care. More specifically it will: stimulate and strengthen alliances within Canada and with other nations (their researchers, research institutes or governments) that have a shared interest in the application of research in Alzheimer Disease and related Dementias; and develop longer-term, collaborative national and international efforts focused on Alzheimer Disease and related Dementias research and/or its application.

### **Other**

#### **Canada Graduate Scholarships - Foreign Study Supplement (2008-2009)**

*Application Deadline: 2008-12-10*

The specific objectives are: to support high-calibre Canadian graduate students in building global linkages and international networks through the pursuit of exceptional research experiences at research institutions outside of Canada; and to contribute to strengthening the potential for collaboration between Canadian universities and affiliated research institutions and universities or other research institutions outside of Canada.

### **Institute Community Support Grants and Awards**

*Deadline date: Various*

CIHR Institutes use the ICS Program for community development to provide support grants and awards to individuals and organizations within their respective communities to be used for: supporting organizations and activities whose goal is consistent with the Institute's and CIHR's vision, mandate and strategic directions; providing grants or awards in aid of research and knowledge translation activities where the circumstances fall outside CIHR's other programs. The Institutes' contributions to these activities helps to fulfill their role and the role of CIHR in raising awareness of the importance and value of health research to the health of Canadians, to strengthening the health system, and to contributing to the economy. Specific details and funds available for the Institutes' ICS funding opportunities can be found on the Institutes' web sites.

### **Research on Aging (USA-Canada) (2008-2009) Application**

*Deadline: 2008-12-08*

This funding opportunity falls under the CIHR-IA and NIH-NIA Collaboration, and has the following goals: provide multidisciplinary research team environments for training researchers in the field of aging; build a cooperative spirit and strong relationship between CIHR-IA and NIH-NIA and its research communities; promote research on aging in areas of mutual interest and benefit nationally and internationally.

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### **Randomized Controlled Trials**

#### **Randomized Controlled Trials: Mentoring (2008-2009)**

*Registration Deadline: 2009-01-15*

The objective of this initiative is to develop future leaders in trials research who can direct the conception, design and implementation of randomized controlled trials. The goals will be realized by a mentoring program in which investigators will learn how to initiate and conduct high quality randomized controlled trials (RCTs) from experienced mentors in highly active trial centres. The immediate aim of this mentoring program is to enable the mentee to independently develop and submit to CIHR a randomized controlled

trials outline or full application at the end of the mentoring program.

### **Randomized Controlled Trials: Outline (2008-2009)**

*Outline Deadline: 2009-01-15*

CIHR recognizes the importance of randomized controlled trials as a tool to provide high quality evidence on the efficacy and effectiveness of interventions in health and health services. Relevant research areas include, but are not limited to the following types of interventions: Behavioural, Knowledge Translation, Complementary and Alternative Healthcare, Devices, Diagnostic, Educational, Health Services, Lifestyle, Medical Management Strategies, Pharmaceutical, Population Health, Preventative, Psychosocial, Surgical, Other therapeutic procedures.

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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**.