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### Dear Members:

We are thrilled to be hosting a Town Hall meeting with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) as part of our S of R **Research Day** activities on Wednesday, November 26, being held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto, ON.

The CIHR Town Hall event will provide a superb opportunity for you, our S of R members, to offer your thoughts, voice your concerns, and direct your questions regarding primary care research in Canada to a distinguished panel of CIHR representatives in a setting designed for open, two-way dialogue.

I encourage you to be there, at an event that promises to be a stimulating, focused discussion on the difficulties primary care researchers in Canada have in finding funding and recognition for our work. We encourage you to bring your questions in person or to forward your questions and comments to **Inese Grava-Gubins**, Director of Research, CFPC, prior to the meeting, so that together we can provide a voice for the significant role of family medicine research in Canada today and in the future.

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

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### Research News

#### **National Physician Survey Results Fourth Phase Results Available:**

On June 11, 2008 the fourth phase of the 2007 National Physician Survey (NPS) results were released. This includes a

more concentrated look at the different medical disciplines in Canada. This is the fourth and final official collaborative media release of the 2007 NPS results planned at this time. Medical organizations, health care system planners, health care stakeholder organizations, governments, media, researchers, academics, individual physicians, residents and students are encouraged to visit the NPS website

[www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca) and to use the 2004 and 2007 survey findings in their own work. Specific data not released on the NPS website (National, Provincial/Territorial, Medical students, Medical residents, Individual specialties), can



be requested by filling out an online Results Request Form on the NPS website. Look for the next survey in 2010!

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**Health Indicators Report: Health Indicators 2008** is the ninth in a series of annual reports containing the most recently available health indicators data from the **Canadian Institute for Health Information** (CIHI) and **Statistics Canada**. This issue also includes an analytical section that provides an in-depth analysis of the hospitalization rates for ambulatory care sensitive conditions (ACSC); this indicator represents hospitalizations for chronic conditions that can be potentially managed and controlled in the community.

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**Interprofessional collaboration in primary health care in Canada** - The **Health Council of Canada** and the **Canadian Health Services Research Foundation** commissioned a synthesis to gain a better understanding of the evidence surrounding interprofessional collaboration in primary health care in Canada, and the potential benefits for patients and health care providers. The synthesis, **Interprofessional Collaboration and Quality Primary Health Care**, provides a systematic review of peer-reviewed literature regarding outcomes of interprofessional collaboration in primary health care, a Canadian environmental scan to obtain stakeholder feedback and incorporates findings from initiatives and projects that involved primary health care provision.

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**CHSRF Listening for Direction III - A Report on the Northern Dialogues and Final Report 2007** - In 2007, eight national organizations partnered for the third round of Listening for Direction to identify short-term (one to two years) and longer-term (three to 10 years) health system priorities. With additional financial support from **Health Canada**, the consultations were extended for the first time to include the northern territories - the Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. **Report on the Northern Dialogues** is a summary of consultation workshops conducted in the northern territories between February and April 2007. The **Final Report 2007** summarizes the 10 themes which are priority areas for research funding and policy development by numerous organizations throughout Canada.

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\*\* **Québec Electronic Health Record:** The **Québec Electronic Health Record** (EHR) will help citizens navigate the health care system. The information required by health care professionals to provide care and services will now be easier to access where and when it is needed.

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**Canada Health Infoway e-Health 2008 presentations now available:** From May 5 - 7, **Canada Health Infoway** representatives participated in the 2008 e-Health Conference in Vancouver, BC. Check out Infoway's presentations by visiting the **Resource Centre** on their website.

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## Conference Opportunities

### Family Medicine Forum 2008 (FMF)

**November 27 - 29, 2008**



Research Day  
is

Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

For more information, go to: **FMF 2008**

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Our annual Section of Researchers Dinner and Research Awards presentations will take place at **Casa Loma, the famous castle** on the hill. Stay tuned; more details will be available soon!

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\* The **North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG)** will hold its 2008 Annual Meeting November 15 - 19, 2008, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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**Data Users Conference 2008** - Across the health care system, we depend on data to support many different activities, such as measuring performance, building business cases, developing policy, and even sharing experiences and applying lessons that have been learned. Together, these activities form a chain, linking data with decision and knowledge. This year's theme, "**Linking the Health Information Chain**," explores these relationships. Presented by **Canadian Institute for Health Information** and **Statistics Canada**, September 21 - 23, 2008 in Ottawa, ON.

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\* **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Annual Conference: "Promoting Quality...Partnering for Change,"** September 7-10, 2008, at the Bethesda North Marriott Convention Center, in Bethesda, MD. The conference will again bring together the best of the Agency's research and provide examples of how that research is being implemented at all levels in health care delivery.

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\*\* **National Collaborating Centres for Public Health - Summer Institute:** Knowledge synthesis, translation, and exchange (KSTE) is a key mandate for the **National Collaborating Centres for Public Health**. This **conference** will focus on research, education, implementation, and evaluation within the emerging science of KSTE and will highlight a range of initiatives that exemplify KSTE in action in the six public health areas of the NCCs: Aboriginal Health, Determinants of Health, Environmental Health, Healthy Public Policy, Infectious Disease, and Methods and Tools. This event will be held in Kelowna, BC, from August 5 - 7, 2008.

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## Research Funding Opportunities

**Operating Grant: Intervention Research (Healthy Living and Chronic Disease Prevention) (2007-2008).** LOI  
Deadline: 2008-07-15.

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**Ministry of Research & Innovation Funding:** The **Ontario Research Fund Research Excellence (ORF-RE)** program promotes research excellence in Ontario by supporting transformative, internationally significant research of strategic value to the province. The ORF-RE focuses on scientific

excellence and strong commercialization and targets new, leading-edge research initiatives. The Ministry particularly encourages collaborative projects across institutions and disciplines from specific focus areas, including the health and bioscience industries. The next deadline for proposals will be on July 30, 2008.

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