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Dear Members,

Ensuring the safe, ethical conduct of research is a challenge that researchers must consider with every bit as much insight and attention as they give to the statistical analysis required for a research project.

The Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS), which governs the work of health researchers in Canada, has recently been updated to address evolving issues in research.

First published in 1998, the first edition of the TCPS was developed jointly by Canada's three main research funding bodies-The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC); the Medical Research Council, (now the Canadian Institutes of Health Research) (CIHR) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) which came together to form the Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics. Since then, ethical considerations regarding biomedical, applied clinical, health services and population health research -the four pillars of research, as defined by the CIHR, have been governed by the TCPS.

Arising from concerns about the ethics and safety of humans participating in research studies, the TCPS policy mandates approval by the research ethics board (REB) of the institution that administers the funding awarded by any of the three agencies. This document has laid the groundwork for decision-making by REBs regarding ethical considerations for research on humans.

The TCPS has since then been revised to include issues of relevance to those disciplines whose research is funded by the three key agencies. The update, which began with circulation of a draft in 2008 and a subsequent revision issued in December 2009, was approved by the presidents of all agencies in December 2010.

Click on the link to review the [2nd Edition of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans](#) (TCPS2).

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Research News

Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Announcement: CIHR Roadmap Signature Initiative in Community-Based Primary Healthcare

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (CIHR-IHSPR) and its partners are launching a major ten-year initiative to fund research that supports the delivery of high-quality community-based primary healthcare (CBPHC) across Canada.

The CIHR CBPHC Initiative will support researchers to **conduct original research, build capacity, and translate evidence** for uptake into practice and policy through two major funding tools:

CBPHC Team Grants will support inter-disciplinary, cross-jurisdictional teams of researchers to conduct excellent research, to provide superior research training and mentorship, and to engage in knowledge translation activities. The first launch of CBPHC Team Grants will take place in **Fall 2011**. Successful Teams will receive funding of up to \$500,000 per year for up to five years to address the following research priority areas:

- Better Systems: Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Community-Based Primary Healthcare
- Access to Appropriate Community-Based Primary Healthcare for Vulnerable Populations

In order to foster the development of prospective teams, **CBPHC Planning Grants** have recently been launched. Offered under the Meetings, Planning and Dissemination Grants program, these \$25,000 Planning Grants will support researchers to come together to build active and meaningful collaborations and to understand the existing CBPHC research landscape, including needs and priorities, before embarking on a full CBPHC Team Grant application. (Note: Teams who plan to apply for a CBPHC Team Grant are not required to apply for a CBPHC Planning Grant).

CBPHC Scientist Awards will provide outstanding CBPHC providers with support to conduct, translate, and use practice-relevant research. Generally modelled after the CIHR Clinician Scientist Award, the CBPHC Scientist Award will allow CBPHC providers with a high aptitude for research to investigate issues that present in their day-to-day work and to subsequently translate results into practice. The first launch of CBPHC Scientist Awards will take place in 2012.

Please contact [Ms Inese Grava-Gubins](#), Director of Research, or [Dr. Bill Hogg](#), Chair of the Section of Researchers, if you have any questions.

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Remembering Dr. Deana Midmer

It is with sadness that The CFPC Section of Researchers has learned of the passing of Dr. Deana Midmer, a respected and admired colleague to many in the family medicine research community. Dr. Midmer passed away on March 25, 2011.

Dr. Midmer was an Associate Professor and a Clinician Investigator in the University of Toronto's Department of Family and Community Medicine's Research Program, and served as the program's interim director in 2008.

She was widely respected for her important educational research in maternal and child health, and was a strong advocate for improving the lives of women and children, particularly those marginalized by violence and addiction.

She will be remembered by her colleagues and friends for her intelligence, innovation and passion. The Midmer family notice can be viewed [here](#).

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*** Grant Generating Project 2011 - 2012**

Letter of intent due: June 1, 2011

Completed application due: June 30, 2011

Leading family practice research often involves interdisciplinary teams, multimethod approaches and the collection of resource-intensive primary data in the practice setting. However, the cost structures of most medical schools, community residency programs and practices do not provide salary support for family physicians or family medicine researchers from other disciplines to engage in research or scholarship.

To develop successful research grant applications, family practice researchers need consultation, time, peer review and technical assistance. One or more - or all - of these resources often are lacking in their institution, department, division, residency program, practice or other organization.

The Grant Generating Project has successfully brought together many of these components into a "fellowship without walls" for family practice researchers who lack them in their home environments. The GGP fits with the research and scholarship capacity-building needs of family medicine, specifically under the American Academy of Family Physicians' Plan to Enhance Family Practice Research. Please contact Daniel Longo in the GGP Program Office at drlongo@vcu.edu or (804) 828-9652 with any questions about the program content and expectations. For questions about program logistics or assistance with the application process, please contact Tammy Carter at tcarter8@vcu.edu or 804-827-2762. Click here for [application information](#).

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Dr. Baujke Miedema, Dale McMurchy receive the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG)

Presidential Award 2010



Congratulations to **Dr. Baujke (Bo) Miedema, PhD**, former member of the Section of Researchers' Executive, and **Ms Dale McMurchy**, whose work on numerous health care initiatives related to primary care at the federal and provincial levels is known to many in the family medicine research community, both of whom received NAPCRG Presidential Awards at the NAPCRG Annual Meeting in November 2010. Dr. Miedema and Ms McMurchy are shown here with NAPCRG President Dr. Jeannie Haggerty, PhD, also a member (current) of the Section of Researcher's Executive.

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* **Trillium Primary Health Care Research Day 2011**
Wednesday, June 8, 2011 Toronto, ON

[Trillium Primary Health Care Research Day](#) is an opportunity to share your primary health care relevant research in a welcoming and constructive atmosphere. The conference will expose participants to the latest in peer-reviewed primary health care research in Ontario.

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A message from the Francophone Health Research Network of Ontario/Un message du réseau de recherche appliqué sur la santé des francophones de l'Ontario:

If your research involves issues of interest to the francophone community in Ontario, this message may be of interest to you:

Le réseau de recherche appliquée sur la santé des francophones de l'Ontario ([RRASFO](#)) a été mandaté par le Ministère de la Santé et des Soins de Longue Durée (MSSLD) pour construire une base de données des chercheurs de l'Ontario travaillant sur la thématique de la santé des francophones de l'Ontario.

Cette base de données aidera le MSSLD à, entre autres, cibler directement les chercheurs concernés lors d'appels à proposition portant sur la santé des francophones de l'Ontario. La base de données pourra aussi servir à d'autres organismes de financement pour des fins similaires.

De plus, dans un deuxième temps, un échantillon de chercheurs répertoriés seront consultés, en utilisant la

méthode Delphi, pour établir des priorités en matière de recherche sur la santé des francophones de l'Ontario. Cette consultation sera conduite par le RRASFO à partir d'Avril 2011.

Nous voudrions vous inviter à vous enregistrer dans cette base de données. À cet effet, nous vous prions de remplir le formulaire accessible directement en ligne sur le lien suivant : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/rrasfo-base-de-donnees>

Nous vous encourageons vivement à transférer ce mail à vos collègues ou à nous transmettre leur courriel pour que nous les contactions.

Si vous avez des questions ou désirez plus de détails sur ce projet, veuillez s'il vous plait nous adresser un courriel à rrasfo@uottawa.ca

Nous espérons que cette initiative contribuera de façon significative à l'amélioration de la santé de tous les Ontariens et Ontariennes, y compris les francophones.

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* **North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Family Medicine Update**

Conducting Research as a Family Medicine Resident

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Research in primary care is essential because clinical care must be based on research evidence, and the evidence base for the majority of care for the population cannot be generated through animal studies and/or laboratory or hospital-based research.¹ Numerous studies have been written about the lack of research production within the discipline of family medicine.^{2,3} One way to alleviate this problem would be to be more proactive toward research in family medicine residencies. Click on the link to read the [full article](#).

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* **NAPCRG - Call for 2011 Wood Award Nominations** **Nominations due: May 18, 2011**

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. The award is named in honor of Maurice Wood, a pioneer in primary care research and a founder of NAPCRG. Click on the link for more information.

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CIHR - Institute of Cancer Research - New Principal Investigators Meeting

November 27 - 30, 2011 Toronto, ON

The [CIHR Institute of Cancer Research](#) (ICR) is pleased to host a New Principal Investigators Meeting which will take place in conjunction with the **first Canadian Cancer Research Conference** organized by the [Canadian Cancer Research Alliance](#) (CCRA).

This meeting is targeted towards new investigators / new faculty members (within their first 5 years of academic appointment) at Canadian Universities, including new scientists and clinician scientists in the cancer research community. Click on the link for [more information](#).

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* **First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research**

Dr. Colleen M. Flood, former Scientific Director of CIHR-IHSPR, was invited to participate in a plenary session on Knowledge Translation at the [First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research](#), which took place in Montreux, Switzerland from November 16-19, 2010. Dr. Flood's presentation, titled **"Translating Health Services and Systems Research into Policy and Practice,"** provided the over 1200 Symposium attendees from more than 100 countries with an introduction to CIHR, its integrated KT programs, and the success that programs like Evidence on Tap and Partnerships for Health System Improvement are having on evidence-informed policy-making. The Symposium concluded with a call for greater investment and capacity building in health systems research and creating a new international society for health systems research, knowledge and innovation. A [webcast](#) of Dr. Flood's plenary presentation and others is now online. (Note: The text on the webcast site is in English only, but the webcasts are available in both French and English)

Conference Opportunities

FAMILY MEDICINE FORUM 2011
3 - 5 November, 2011 Montreal QC

FMF CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Posters and Satellite Symposia

FMF Posters:

Abstracts are due on Sunday, May 15, 2011.

[Click here](#) for Submission Instructions for FMF Posters.

Satellite Symposia: The Call for Abstracts for Satellite Symposia will be open until all openings have been filled.

[Click here](#) for Submission Instructions for Satellite Symposia.



RESEARCH DAY
Wednesday, November 2, 2011 (Pre-conference day)

RESEARCH DAY CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
Freestanding Papers and Posters

Research Day - Freestanding Papers:

Abstracts are due on Sunday, May 15, 2011.

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Research Day - Posters:

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[Click here](#) for Submission Instructions for Posters.

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

12 - 16 November, 2011 Banff, AB

Join your peers for the best in primary care research! [Click here](#) for conference information.

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

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Funding Opportunities

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

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