

Section of Researchers Kaléidoscope E-News Vol 4 Iss 10(Oct) 2007

Dear Section of Researchers' member,

An inspiring and successful FMF in Winnipeg has just ended and the Section of Researchers have much for which to feel proud. In addition to 26 research based presentations offered during the regular FMF programme, RESEARCH DAY(Oct. 10th) attracted over 70 attendees to the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg . This day offered recent primary care research results in 14 presentations, 17 posters , plus 2 workshops in support of family medicine based research. Additionally, we honored our special award winners at the Section of Researchers dinner on October 11th 2007, at the famous Salisbury House, set on the Provencher Bridge overlooking the forks of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers . Heartfelt congratulations to all the Section of Researchers award winners, including: Dr. Moira Stewart (Family Medicine Researcher of the Year), Dr. Jacqueline Lewis and her colleagues, for their outstanding Family Medicine Research article published in 2006, and the research awards for family medicine residents: Drs. Patrick Merrett, Jan M. Sommers, and Marie-Josée Klett . Watch for more information on the award winners and their work in the next issue of Kaléidoscope. For quick access to your favorite Kaléidoscope section this month click on a link below!

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Research News

***Impact of Electronic Knowledge Resources on Clinicians - Study participants needed!**

This study is funded by CIHR. We are now recruiting participants. Please write to roland.grad@mcgill.ca or pierre.pluye@mcgill.ca if interested. Investigators: GRAD, Roland M (co-PI) and PLUYE, Pierre (co-PI) DALKIR, Kimiz / HANLEY, James A / MACAULAY, Ann C / MARLOW, Bernard A - 4 0 family doctors will receive a new pocket PC PDA to search InfoRetriever, in particular for answers to their clinical questions. Participants will also use handheld software called Information Assessment Method (IAM). Using IAM, participants will evaluate their searches for a 1-year period. They will do this by indicating if each search was relevant, applied, and had positive or negative cognitive impact, choosing among statements like "I learned something new" or "I disagree with this information." If valid, IAM may help researchers to compare and evaluate the impact of clinical information. In addition, IAM may help authors to capture user feedback. The study will also explore the relationship between information that is pushed to clinicians on e-mail and then pulled at some later time. Incentives for participants include:

- 80% subsidy to buy a pocket PC phone, or 100% subsidy to buy a pocket PC PDA. We

are suggesting the htc 6300 (PDA, cell phone and camera). We will pay for all software e.g. 1-year subscription to InfoRetriever.

- Training to use IAM and InfoRetriever.
- Automatic tracking and reporting of M1 credits for InfoRetriever searches.
- Support - We will help to build a virtual community of practice for participants.

CIHR President Pierre Chartrand (V-P Research) has been appointed as Interim CIHR President, effective November 18, 2007. The CIHR President is appointed by the government and the search process will begin shortly. See: The CIHR University Delegate webpage <http://www.medresearch.utoronto.ca/chir.html> created for all the UofT CIHR community.

2006 Open Operating Grant Competition-For fiscal management reasons, new operating grants will have a July 1, 2007 start-date rather than the normal October 1, 2007 date. The grants will end on June 30 in the final year, so careful financial management is essential to cover the final 3-month gap. The 26% budget cut imposed in the 2006 Open Operating Grant Competition has been reduced to 18%. The revised Authorizations for Funding (AFF) notices will be sent out in November with the funding adjustment retroactive to April 1, 2007.

September 2007 Competition-Approximately 2,100 grants were submitted for the September 2007 competition. It is anticipated that between 400-450 grants will be funded for a success rate of about 20%. There may also be approximately 75 1-year grants.

Equipment and Maintenance Funding-No funding will be available for equipment or maintenance grants alone, or within operating grants, however discussions of this issue are on-going.

Researcher on Call - The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation and the Quality Healthcare Network are proud to announce Researcher on Call, a series of conference calls for healthcare researchers and decision makers designed to accelerate improvements in healthcare. Researcher on Call is an interactive series that brings researchers and decision makers together on a common topic. Each call is designed to clarify the findings in the selected research or synthesis discussed; identify and illustrate actions that can be taken on the findings; and explore the issues and challenges in fully implementing the findings in various settings. The dialogue will help participants consider the implications of the research results for improving their practice. The first Researcher on Call teleconference will focus on healthy healthcare workplaces and is scheduled for October 30, 2007.

Invitation to the “ Canadian Researchers Forum ” hosted by the Institute of Aging of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. CIHR's Institute of Aging is pleased to host its inaugural “ Canadian Researchers Forum ” during the upcoming November 2007 Gerontological Society of America 60th Annual Scientific Meeting in San Francisco. This interactive event will bring together Canadian scientists working in the field of aging, either in Canada or abroad, to learn about and discuss the role of CIHR's Institute of Aging in the Canadian and international research communities. Please note that limited space is available and participants will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis through a registration process. Please contact Gwendoline Simard at gsimard@cihr-irsc.gc.ca for registration and more information about this important event. November 18 (Sunday) from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, in the Continental 8 room,

Hilton San Francisco and Towers

***PRE-NAPCRG workshop entitled: "Joining an International Collaborative Research Network to Investigate Multimorbidity in Primary Care."** This workshop will be held on Saturday, October 20th during the 35th NAPCRG Annual Meeting at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia. Although this workshop is not in the official program of the NAPCRG conference this preconference workshop is endorsed by the NAPCRG Special Interest Group on Multimorbidity/Comorbidity and is supported by the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR). There is no extra fee to participate in this workshop that will last for the full day (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) and for which a lunch will be provided free of charge to all participants. The summary of the workshop is described below. If you are interested in multimorbidity, please come and join us in Vancouver. To confirm your attendance please send an email to: martin.fortin@usherbrooke.ca

The IRCMo team:

- Martin Fortin MD MSc CMFC, Research Chair on Chronic Diseases in Primary Care, U of Sherbrooke, Canada
 - Hassan Soubhi MD PhD, University of Sherbrooke, Canada
 - Catherine Hudon MD MSc CMFC, University of Sherbrooke, Canada
 - Elizabeth A Bayliss MD, Kaiser Permanente, University of Colorado
 - Marjan van den Akker PhD, Maastricht University, Netherlands
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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY INSTITUTE-A practical five-day introduction to critical appraisal skills and evidence-based practice and policy for clinicians, decision-makers, industry representatives and novice researchers. November 12-16, 2007 University of Toronto Toronto, Ontario

- Understand and appraise various study designs.
- Learn basic statistical concepts used to analyze quantitative health data.
- Understand systematic reviews, meta analysis and how data can be synthesized to determine clinical practice guidelines.

Taught by the internationally-renowned Clinical Epidemiology faculty of the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation. For detailed course descriptions, faculty and registration details, visit <http://www.utoronto.ca/hpme/cei/index.html>

The "Transdisciplinary Understanding and Training on Research – Primary Health Care (TUTOR-PHC)" program is accepting applications for its 2008 class of students. Program objectives are: to build a critical mass of skilled, independent researchers through both student and faculty development; and to increase the interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary focus in primary health care research.

SPONSORS OF THE PROGRAM-Now in its sixth year, this innovative national program funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), is a collaboration of investigators from family medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, epidemiology and pharmacy from the following Universities:

- The University of Western Ontario
- Dalhousie University
- McMaster University
- Université de Montréal

APPLICANTS

- Any student/practicing professional regardless of home discipline with an interest in primary health care research
- Academic levels: Masters, PhD, Post-doctoral fellow, mid-career clinicians
- Deadline for application submission is October 31, 2007

FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER BENEFITS

- Strategic Training Fellowships ranging from \$20 000 to \$50 000 per year depending on academic level and health professional status
- Accredited as one full graduate course through The University of Western Ontario
- Trainees receive the distinction of "CIHR Strategic Training Fellow"
- Physicians receive MAINPRO-M1 credits

CURRICULUM - The curriculum spans one year (May 2008-April 2009) and includes:

- A three-day symposium held in May
- On-line lab/discussion groups (total of approx. 12 weeks)
- On-line workshops (total of 6 weeks) and
- Mentoring of students by established primary care researchers

QUESTIONS? Website: <http://www.uwo.ca/fammed/csfm/tutor-phc> e-mail: tutor@uwo.ca
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Website Research Info to-go!

Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research launches new website

The Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) has launched its new website. Here you will find information about the upcoming 2008 conference and various archived references including past conference proceedings. Members are able to log in and access the journal Healthcare Policy, engage in various discussion forums and link to fellow members on areas of common interest.

Conference Opportunities

MAKING CONNECTIONS: A Canadian Cancer Research Conference Celebrating NCIC's 60th Anniversary WHEN: November 15-17, 2007-WHERE: Intercontinental Toronto Centre, 225 Front Street West, Toronto-WHO: This conference is intended for cancer researchers and those working within the broader research community. NCIC invites you to join leading cancer researchers from Canada and around the world who will be speaking about recent advances in cancer research across the cancer spectrum. <http://www.ncic.cancer.ca>

Conference themes will include:

- Prevention
 - Early detection and predisposition to cancer
 - Novel therapeutic interventions
 - Survivorship and supportive care
 - Knowledge transfer
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For the first time, **Health Human Resources 2007: Connecting Issues and People** will bring together health care professionals, planners, researchers and leaders in health human resources (HHR) from across the country. On December 4 to 6, this national conference will offer a unique opportunity to connect with a variety of people on important HHR issues in Canada-- but you can visit the [conference website](#) to start connecting today! Learn more about Health Human Resources 2007! Find out more about who is involved in bringing you this Canada-wide conference, and get a look at our [preliminary program](#) of events. The [call for abstracts](#) is now open. The conference program presentations will focus on the following areas:

- Data, Research and Knowledge Translation
- Linking Education with HHR
- Getting the Right Mix
- Recruitment and Retention

Research Funding Opportunities

2008 Research, Exchange and Impact for System Support (REISS) Competition -The call for letters of intent for the [2008 REISS competition](#) is now available. The deadline to submit letters of intent is November 1, 2007. Interdisciplinary teams of researchers and decision makers are invited to submit applications to REISS in one of the following theme areas:

- management of the healthcare workplace
 - managing for quality and safety
 - nursing leadership, organization and policy and
 - primary healthcare
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2008 CHSRF/CIHR Postdoctoral Awards Competition - The 2008 Postdoctoral Awards competition* call for applications http://www.chsrf.ca/cadre/postdoctoral_awards_e.php is now available. The deadline to submit applications is November 29, 2007. Please feel free to forward this notice to anyone who may be interested in applying to either competition.

The Rising Star Award is intended to recognize the research excellence and knowledge translation (KT) initiatives of upcoming Canadian graduate students (M.A., M.Sc. and PhD) and post-doctoral Fellows in the area of health services and policy research. Through this award, IHSPR will recognize, on an annual basis, up to five (5) Canadian graduate students in all fields and disciplines related to health services and policy research. Each awardee will receive a certificate of excellence and an award of \$1000 (preferably used to present research at a scientific meeting), and will be profiled on the [IHSPR website](#).

The Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) is pleased to announce its **third research grants 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 granting activity 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. Consideration will be given to teams of Researchers, Decision Makers, and others interested in conducting applied research, evaluation, and knowledge transfer initiatives to improve safety in one or more of the eight critical areas of focus for this year's competition. Please email CPSI at rfa@cpsi-icsp.ca for an application form or with any questions or need for clarification. Complete packages must be received at CPSI offices no later than Thursday, November 8th, 2007 at 12:00 p.m. MST.

Emerging Team Grant : Applied Health Services and Policy Research Partner(s) / Collaborator(s) CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research in partnership with CIHR Institute of Genetics; CIHR Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis; CIHR Institute of Aging; CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health; Health Canada and the Canadian Patient Safety Institute LOI deadline: 2007-11-01

Mobility in Aging and Dementia: Fellowship The Alzheimer Society of Canada and the CIHR Institute of Aging are pleased to announce this new Request for Applications for the 2008 ASC competition: a collaborative effort to build capacity and encourage more research into the issue of mobility in aging and dementia. The full Program Announcement with links to required application forms and submission information is available on the ASC Website . Application Deadline: October 31, 2007 <http://www.alzheimer.ca/english/research/resprog-rfa-mobility.htm>

Focus on Stroke: Doctoral Research Awards and Fellowship Awards The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, the Canadian Stroke Network, the CIHR Institute of Aging and the CIHR Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health are pleased to provide a special opportunity in the area of stroke training under the Focus on Stroke initiative. At present, Canada has a shortage of highly qualified personnel including stroke physicians, nurses, and investigators, in all regions of the country and in all disciplines within the stroke community. For the full funding opportunity description, please consult the Heart and Stroke Foundation Website . Application Deadline: November 1, 2007 <http://www.hsf.ca/research/en/strategic-funding-opportunities/focus-on-stroke-7.html>

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