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Dear Members:



*The College of Family Physicians of Canada's  
Research Department extends to all of its members its  
best wishes for a joyous holiday season, and  
good health and happiness in the year ahead!*



Congratulations to the 2011 CFPC Family Medicine Research Award recipients, a stellar group of dedicated family medicine researchers, each of whom has made a significant contribution to family medicine research.

Shared decision making is a key element in patient centred care, of great importance to family physicians in Canada and around the world. What is shared decision making and how does it work? How can family physicians make it a priority and implement it in their practices? How does shared decision making impact patient care and population health outcomes?

Few have done more to answer these questions than **Dr. France Légaré**, this year's recipient of the **Family Medicine Researcher of the Year Award**. A family physician, professor in family medicine, and Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Implementation of Shared Decision-Making in Primary Care at Université Laval, Dr. Légaré is known internationally as a leading specialist in knowledge transfer, shared decision making, and the role they play in family medicine and interprofessional care. She has studied shared decision-making, said to be "the crux of patient centred care" (Weston, 2001), from both the physician's and the patient's point of view,

working to understand the needs of care providers in making shared decision-making a priority in practice. She has identified and developed strategies for implementing shared decision making in clinical practice, and examined the impact of these strategies on the use of shared decision-making in clinical practice. She has also assessed the impact of implementing shared decision-making on health professionals and on patient outcomes.

**Dr. Ann Macaulay, (Montreal, QC), Dr. Graham Worrall, (Glovertown, NF), Dr. Wayne Putnam, (Halifax, NS), Dr. John Ross\* (NF), and Dr. Claude Beaudoin\* (QC),** are the recipients of the 2011 **CFPC Lifetime Achievement Awards in Family Medicine Research**. These awards recognize our outstanding senior CFPC members, whose lifelong achievements in family medicine research showed us the paths to follow. Their vision, leadership, and innovation have laid the groundwork for today's family medicine researchers. (\*posthumous awards)

**Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents** are given annually to family medicine residents in recognition of outstanding resident research projects they have conducted as part of their training program. The awards are supported by the CFPC Research and Education Foundation. Recipients in 2011 are **Dr. Mathieu Moreau** and **Dr. Marie-Christine Dorion**, from the Université de Montréal, for their project "Le Niveau de Littératie en Matière de Santé est-il Associé à la Qualité de la Gestion des Maladies Chroniques en Soins de Première Ligne? : Une Étude-Pilot"; and **Dr. Priya Vasa**, University of Toronto, for her project, entitled "Self-Controlled Case-Series Investigation of the Risk of Guillain-Barré Syndrome Following Influenza Vaccination versus Influenza Illness".

**Dr. Moira Stewart, Dr. John F. Sangster, Dr. Bridget L. Ryan, Dr. Jeffrey S. Hoch, Dr. Irene Cohen, Dr. Carol L. McWilliam, Ms. Joan Mitchell, Dr. Evelyn Vingilis, Ms Christine Tyrrell, and Dr. Ian R. McWhinney** are this year's recipients of the award for the **CFPC Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article**, for [\*Integrating Physician Services in the Home—An Evaluation of an Innovative Program\*](#), published in *Canadian Family Physician* in November 2010. The CFPC Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article award recognizes the best research article published in a national or international journal during the preceding year, which was based upon family medicine research carried out by a CFPC member.

The award for the **Canadian Family Physician Best Original Research Article** recognizes the best article published in *Canadian Family Physician* during the preceding year, which was based upon original research carried out by a CFPC member. Supported by *Canadian Family Physician* and the CFPC Research & Education Foundation, this year's award goes to **Dr. Anne-Marie MacLellan, Dr. Carlos Brailovsky, Dr. Paul Rainsberry, Dr. Ian Bowmer, and Ms Micheline Desrochers** for their article [\*Examination outcomes for International Medical Graduates Pursuing or Completing Family Residency Training in Quebec\*](#), published in CFP in September 2010.

Click here for a list of recipients of the Family Medicine Resident Awards for Scholarship, the AMS-Mimi Divinsky Awards for History and Narrative in Family Medicine, and other [CFPC awards](#).

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## Research News

### \* **Fast Facts**

National Physician Survey (NPS) 2010 – Fast Fact: The 2010 NPS results are being highlighted in *Canadian Family Physician* with monthly [Fast Facts](#). The October issue focuses on physician remuneration methods and their effect on health outcomes have been the focus of considerable research.

Recent studies suggest that implementing a blended method of payment in favour of the traditional fee-for-service (FFS) model might result in a more integrated approach to care and, ultimately, better quality of care and health outcomes<sup>1</sup>; a more even geographical distribution of physicians; and better recruitment and retention rates.<sup>2</sup>

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### **Canadian Primary Healthcare Research Network (CPHCRN) launched**



The Canadian Primary Healthcare Research Network (CPHCRN), which launched in October, is a newly established organization of researchers from all primary healthcare (PHC) research disciplines and experts from all stakeholder groups interested in primary healthcare.

Development of the Network was initiated by Section of Researchers members Drs. William E. Hogg, Janusz Kaczorowski, Rick Birtwhistle, and Marshall Godwin. The purpose of CPHCRN is to better coordinate PHC research efforts, in order to improve the quality, accessibility and cost-effectiveness of the Canadian healthcare system, and to build capacity and leadership in

primary healthcare research. Organized as a virtual network of networks, the CPHCRN will be strongly grounded in partnerships with international PHC researchers, specialty Canadian healthcare research networks, government decision-makers, industry, research funding agencies, health charities, employers and patients.

A central governing body within the CPHCRN will serve to coordinate activities within several smaller, content-focused PHC research networks, and six regional PHC research networks. CPHCRN plans to embed multidisciplinary PHC research activities into Canadian PHC practice. Importantly, CPHCRN's strategy to achieve these objectives involves competing for network funding from the Canadian Institutes for Health Research's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR).

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**\* Annals of Family Medicine -- North American Primary Care Research Group Family Medicine Update: Lessons Learned from Rebuilding a Primary Care Infrastructure: A Canadian Perspective**

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The North American Primary Care Research Group's Family Medicine Update in the November/December issue of the Annals of Family Medicine focused on the work that has been done over the last decade trying to restore and strengthen the Canadian primary care system after the neglect of the 1990s. Read the update [here](#).

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**Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) – Mythbusters Award for Students: Using Evidence to Debunk Common Misconceptions in Canadian Healthcare**

**Attention students:**

Students can apply now for the 2012 Mythbusters Award

**Deadline for submissions: January 17, 2012 at 12 noon eastern time.**

The Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) is pleased to be launching the call for the [2012 annual Mythbusters Award](#) call. The award is given to students who write the strongest **Mythbusters** article—a popular series of reader-friendly research summaries addressing some of today’s major debates in Canadian health services management and policy—as judged by a panel of experts in health services research and policy.

**Important note!** To be eligible, applicants must ensure the myth they are busting has direct implications for at least one of the following areas:

- Healthcare financing
- Healthcare delivery
- Health system management

Click on the link for more information.

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**Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) – Excellence through Evidence  
An award celebrating innovative leaders in health services**

**Deadline for submissions: January 11, 2012, noon Eastern time**

This award recognizes a health services leader who has successfully implemented evidence-informed innovations in care and service delivery. Nominees must be currently active in their organization and in the health services field, in order to be able to use the \$15,000 award to transfer their knowledge and experience. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

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**\* Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice 2012 – 2013**

**Deadline for applications from Canada is February 14, 2012**

The Commonwealth Fund invites promising mid-career professionals—academic researchers, clinicians, managers, government policymakers, and journalists—from Australia, Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, to apply for a unique opportunity to spend up to 12 months in the United States as a Harkness Fellow in Health Care Policy and Practice. Fellows work with leading U.S. experts to conduct a research study that addresses a critical issue on the health policy agenda in both the U.S. and their home country. A rich program of seminars organized by the Fund throughout the year further enhances the fellowship experience. Fellows can expect to gain an in-depth understanding of the U.S. health care system and policy challenges, enhance their methodological skills, and develop valuable contacts and opportunities for ongoing cross-national exchange and collaboration. Click [here](#) for more information.

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**\* Lasker Foundation Call for Award Nominations**

**The Foundation will be accepting nominations for the 2012 Lasker Awards through February 1, 2012.**

The Lasker Awards are among the most respected science prizes in the world. Since 1945, the Awards Program has recognized the contributions of scientists, physicians, and public servants who have made major advances in the understanding, diagnosis, treatment, cure, and prevention of human disease. **The Lasker Awards** will be offered in three categories in 2012: **Basic Medical Research, Clinical Medical Research, and Special Achievement**. The Public Service Award, presented every other year, will next be given in 2013. Visit the Foundation's [website](#) for more information.

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**\* The ACHIEVE Research Partnership: Action for Health Equity Interventions – A Canadian Institutes for Health Research Training Program**

**Deadline to apply: February 13, 2012**

The ACHIEVE Research Partnership is aimed to equip new researchers with the competencies necessary for closing the gap between *measuring* health inequities and *reducing* them. The program has two main foci: Population health interventions research (PHIR) and Community engagement and partnerships. To learn more, please follow this [link](#).

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**Research Ethics Interpretation and Education Initiatives launched by the Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics**

In 2001, Canada's three federal research agencies, [CIHR](#), [NSERC](#) and [SSHRC](#), jointly created the Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (PRE or the Panel) as part of a collaborative effort to promote the ethical conduct of research involving human participants. The Panel develops, interprets and implements the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS).

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the [Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans \(TCPS 2\)](#) was released in November 2010.

**TCPS 2 Interpretations now available**

The Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (the Panel) is pleased to share its first selection of TCPS 2 interpretations, compiled from responses to questions of general interest.

These interpretations can be found at <http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/eng/policy-politique/interpretations/Default/>. Further interpretations will be added periodically.

### **TCPS 2 Webinars to begin**

Starting in November, the Panel will offer a series of [webinars on TCPS 2 topics](#) identified by the research community. All webinars will be presented live, once in English and once in French, and then posted on the Panel's website for viewing at your convenience. Invitations to join a live webinar will be sent two weeks in advance of each presentation.

## Conference Opportunities



### **Family Medicine Forum 2012 Canada's premier family medicine conference**

Mark your calendar!

The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP), and the CFPC's Section of Teachers and Researchers invite you to

**FMF 2012**  
**15 – 17 November, 2012 Toronto, ON**

Details coming soon!

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### **Bridging the Gaps: A Canadian Primary Health Care Electronic Medical Record Conference**

**Thursday, March 1, 2012**

**Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto, ON**

Hosted by the "Creating the Agenda for Tomorrow's Electronic Medical Records in Primary Health Care Research" Team. In partnership with the Canadian Institute for Health Information. The CREATE-PHC study is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

Attendees of this conference will learn the latest information about primary health care electronic medical records, link with other primary health care electronic medical record

stakeholders, and participate in launching new directions in primary health care electronic medical record research and policy-making in Canada. You should attend this event if you are a **Primary Health Care Electronic Medical Record Stakeholder** (Primary Health Care Practitioner; Researcher; Policy/Decision Maker; Electronic Medical Record Vendor)

Participants can expect to:

- Gain new research and policy-relevant knowledge regarding primary health care electronic medical records
- Discuss current issues in primary health care electronic medical record use in Canada
- Participate in discussions to advance primary health care electronic medical record research, and to identify potential policy recommendations regarding primary health care electronic medical records in Canada.

**There is no charge to attend this conference. To register, please RSVP by December 16, 2011 to Laura Kentie Warner at lkentie2@uwo.ca or (519) 661-2111 ext. 22038.**

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**\* WONCA European General Practice Research Network (EGPRN): Quality Improvement in the Care of Chronic Disease in Family Practice: the contribution of education and research**  
10 – 13 May, 2012 Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Call for papers is now open**

**Abstract Submission Deadline: January 15, 2012**

The theme of the WONCA EGPRN meeting is [Quality Improvement in the Care of Chronic Disease in family Practice: The Contribution of Education and Research](#). Our profession is under constant internal and external revision. We are facing many challenges in the development of structured clinical approach, organization of the practices and role of team members. Measuring practice performance and competence is provided in most countries. Development of quality control and constant aiming for improvement of our work have provoked a vast amount of research aimed to develop methods, tools and outcomes of quality in structured care for patients with chronic disease. Many positive, but also discouraging results of the structured care have been reported. On the other hand, patients' personal preferences can differ from the aims of quality care that we are pursuing. Patient centeredness and shared decisions need to be balanced with the quality indicators and paradigm of quality improvement.

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**\* 19<sup>th</sup> WONCA Asia Pacific Regional Conference – Clinical Excellence in Family Medicine: Evidence-based Approach in Primary Care**

24 – 27 May, 2012 Jeju, Korea

Pre-conference: May 23, 2012

**Abstract Submission Deadline: 30 December, 2011**

**Early Bird Registration Deadline: 30 December, 2011**

Click [here](#) for more information.

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**2012 Annual Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) Conference: Innovations for health system improvement: Balancing costs, quality and equity**

29 – 31 May, 2012 Montreal, QC

(Pre-conference day May 28, 2012)

**Abstract submission closes: Thursday, January 12, 2012**

The [CAHSPR annual conference](#) brings together over 400 of Canada's leading researchers, decision-makers, managers, and trainees to exchange ideas and share findings from the most recent studies in health services and policy research. Featuring over 200 presentations in plenary, small group, and poster formats, CAHSPR's conference has something for everyone.

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**\* WONCA Europe Conference 2012: European Society of General Practice and Family Medicine Regional Conference: The Art & Science of General Practice**

4 – 7 July, 2012 Vienna, Austria

Hosted by the Austrian Society of General Practice and Family medicine (OEGAM)

**Regular abstract submission: December 15, 2011**

**“Late week results” submission: March 15, 2012**

The main theme of our conference will be “[The Art and Science of General Practice and Family Medicine](#)”, a title which comprises important and fascinating aspects and principles of our work as General Practitioners and Family Doctors. The skillful integration of scientific knowledge and evidence based medicine in daily work has many aspects of an art and can help to make the work of a family doctor more efficient. Medicine and art have always been in tight relationship and there are many examples in music, literature and fine arts. Vienna, a city with a great medical and cultural tradition, many historical places and famous cultural highlights should be the ideal location to explore our conferences' theme in depth.

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**The Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada (CDPAC): 4<sup>th</sup> Pan-Canadian Conference – Integrated Chronic Disease Prevention: It Works!**

8 – 10 February, 2012 Ottawa, ON

At the [2012 conference](#), we will take stock of advances that have been made with regard to integrated action for chronic disease prevention in Canada; the successes, the challenges, the gaps, and our opportunities. In recognition of the multi-factorial causes of chronic diseases, the emphasis will be upon ‘what works’; how are sectors coming together for collaborative action on chronic disease prevention.

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**\* Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)12 Annual Conference and Exhibition**

20 – 24 February, 2012 Las Vegas, Nevada

Today's dynamic healthcare IT industry demands timely knowledge and education to navigate priority issues. With knowledge as power, [HIMSS Annual Conference & Exhibition](#) is in lockstep with today's industry and is the most comprehensive and authoritative knowledge event in healthcare IT today. HIMSS12 educational content will feature top leaders who will share their insights and lessons learned on the most critical topics today. With more than 300 education sessions to choose from, healthcare professionals at all levels can customize their own agenda to meet their individual needs.

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**\* UBC Centre for Health Services and Policy Research (CHSPR): Healthy Policy Conference 2012 – Will paying the piper change the tune? Promise and pitfalls of health care funding reform**

28-29 February, 2012 Vancouver, BC

Spending on health care continues to grow at rates considerably faster than inflation. Many provinces are now asking hard questions about value for money, and in particular, the quality of health care they are receiving for this increased spending.

This day-and-one-half program will be organized to help participants understanding the roles funding policies play in creating incentives for high-performing health care systems. Drawing from international experiences, speakers will examine the complex roles funding policies play in creating efficient, effective and safe health care systems and discuss the role, and emerging evidence, of innovations in funding policies in Canada and beyond. Click [here](#) for more information.

Click here to see more [Conference Opportunities](#).

## Funding Opportunities

### Canadian Cancer Society Innovation Grants

Deadlines (2nd competition):

**Abstract registration: 15 February, 2012**

**Full application: April 1, 2012**

The goal of this new CCSRI grant program is to support unconventional concepts, approaches or methodologies to address problems in cancer research. Innovation projects will include elements of creativity, curiosity, investigation, exploration and opportunity. Successful projects may be based on “high risk” ideas, but will have the potential for “high reward” (i.e. to significantly impact our understanding of cancer and generate new approaches to combat the disease by introducing novel ideas into use or practice).

#### Scientific focus of the program

The purpose of this funding initiative is to support unique, creative research ideas that will impact cancer. Although this grant program is primarily designed to support the biomedical/translational research community, applications from all areas and disciplines of cancer research will be considered eligible for funding and will be evaluated based on a common set of criteria. Applicants are required to submit proposals for studies that explicitly address the Society’s mission to eradicate cancer and enhance the quality of life of people living with cancer. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

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

\* available in English only.