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Dear Members

Building the discipline of family medicine research is a multi-faceted activity that requires input from a wide community of contributors. In recent months, we have seen an increased focus on the value of family medicine research and the positive outcomes that have resulted from the work of many in our family medicine community.

With this month's issue of Kaleidoscope, we congratulate Dr. Jeannie Haggerty, Associate Member of the College and a member of the Section of Researchers' Executive, on her appointment to the first McGill Chair in Family and Community Medicine Research. Internationally known and cited, Dr. Haggerty is known to many Section Members for her work in family medicine research, which has focused on measuring accessibility to care, as well as quality and continuity of care. She is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at McGill University. The research chair is one of the several structures which will institutionalize the growing research profile of the Department.

The appointment will be based at St. Mary's Hospital Centre in Montreal, a university-affiliated hospital recognized as a leader in Quebec for its community-oriented care. Dr. Haggerty says that her goal will be to "contribute to the creation of structures to capture patients' and care-givers' concerns, and to partner with clinicians in doing research on questions that occur in their day-to-day contact with patients."

In addition to her appointment at McGill University, Dr. Haggerty also assumed the Presidency of the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) at the organization's annual meeting in Montreal in November. She will work to increase membership and participation among Canadian family physicians in NAPCRG, and foster international, as well as Canada - U.S. collaboration among family medicine researchers. Her focus will be on ensuring the use of research to influence health care policy and effect positive reform in health care delivery.

We look forward to reading more about Dr. Haggerty's work in the months to come!

Look inside for more news about family medicine research projects being carried out by your colleagues, as well as conference and

funding opportunities.

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Research News

* Member Research Highlight

Dr. Bo Miedema, PhD, member of the Section of Researchers' Executive and Director of Research at the Dalhousie Family Medicine Teaching Unit in Fredericton, NB, will be the principal investigator on a new study entitled "A new model of cancer follow-up care for young adult cancer survivors in Atlantic Canada".

Previous studies led by Dr. Miedema ([Abstract: From "invincibility" to "normalcy": coping strategies of young adults during the cancer journey; Young adults' experiences with cancer](#)) show that the majority of young adults aged 20 - 44 survive their cancer diagnosis, but their lives are filled with physical, social and psychological challenges due to their ages at diagnosis and subsequent late effects caused by cancer treatment. The Canadian Strategy for Cancer Control (CSCC) has identified the need for a national model of cancer follow-up/supportive/rehabilitative care, particularly for young adult cancer survivors, so that they can live with minimal levels of illness and other problems. The CSCC argues that evidence-based follow-up (supportive or rehabilitative) care guidelines should incorporate psychological and sociological needs.

The team plans to interview between 50 and 60 young adults diagnosed with cancer between the ages of 18 and 34 in Atlantic Canada to learn about their physical and psycho-social needs in follow-up care. They hope to identify gaps in the current model of cancer follow-up care for young adults in Atlantic Canada, and to use the knowledge gained to modify the current model of cancer follow-up care to include psycho-social issues.

The project represents a first step towards an evidence-based follow-up care model in Atlantic Canada. Read the [article](#) highlighting the upcoming study, which appeared recently on the CBC.

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Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) - Synapse Awards

All nominations must be received by CIHR on or before Friday, March 26, 2010

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) [Synapse Awards](#) are given out to emphasize the importance of mentors in developing Canada's next generation of health researchers. The CIHR Synapse Awards honour persons who have made exceptional contributions to the promotion of health research among Canadian secondary school students. The three awards, which are presented to one graduate student/postdoctoral fellow student, one accomplished researcher and one research group, recognize the efforts of those who promote health research among Canada's high school students.

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Call for applications! CIHR's 9th Annual IHSPR-IPPH Summer Institute: Revisiting the Foundations of Primary Healthcare Research

Application Deadline: 31 March, 2010

The [CIHR IHSPR-IPPH Summer Institute](#) is an intensive multi-day training opportunity that brings together top graduate students, post-doctoral or post-health professional (e.g. RN, MD, PT) fellows, researchers, and decision makers from across Canada for a unique learning experience complementary to formal academic training.

The 2010 Summer Institute will focus on the next frontiers in primary healthcare research, including pressing questions, methodological gaps, and issues in knowledge translation.

We invite applications from students in graduate training and from post-doctoral or post-health professional fellows with an interest in primary healthcare research in the health services and policy (HSP) and population and public health (PPH) research communities. Applications from any relevant discipline will be considered.

Please fill in the [application form](#) online on CIHR's website. This must be completed **on or before March 31, 2010**. As well, a copy of your most recent transcript must be faxed to Kim Gaudreau **on or before March 31, 2010**.

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*** Post-doctoral Fellowship in Primary Care Oncology, 2010-2011 University of Manitoba, Canada**

Deadline: March 31, 2010

With funding from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), the **Departments of Community Health Science and Family Medicine**, University of Manitoba, along with CancerCare Manitoba, will offer a two-year **Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Primary Care Oncology** to commence **July 1, 2010**.

The mandate of this Primary Care Oncology-New Emerging Team (NET) is to combine the university's expertise with the experience of those who work in the field of primary care and oncology to create innovative, new ways of improving the care of patients and families, and the development of research capacity. Current thematic areas of investigation with the NET include; i) examining the extent to which administrative data sets can accurately capture colorectal screening practices; ii) exploring the role of family members in enhancing adherence with colorectal cancer screening; iii) developing interventions that support family physicians in promoting colorectal cancer screening; and iv) examining the extent to which the transition of patients from specialist to primary care follows established screening guidelines. Research approaches include both qualitative and quantitative methodologies.

The postdoctoral fellow will be expected to work collaboratively on the group grant as well as undertake an independent research project dealing with a topic in Primary Care Oncology. The supervisor of this postdoctoral fellowship will be determined depending on the chosen research topic. The research team includes epidemiologists, nurses, physicians and health services researchers. Applicants should be not more than three years beyond their completed PhD; candidates with a defense scheduled by May 2010 are welcome to apply. This competition is also open to MDs with appropriate training and experience.

Qualified scholars may apply by sending a description of their proposed research project and curriculum vitae, and arranging for three confidential letters of reference to be sent to:

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Primary Care Oncology
Manitoba Centre for Health Policy
University of Manitoba
408, 727 McDermot Avenue
Winnipeg MB
R3P 3E5
CANADA

The successful candidate must have the Ph.D. in hand by July 1, 2010.

The University exercises a Canadian-first policy; however, all those qualified are encouraged to apply. The **deadline for applications is March 31, 2010**.

Inquiries can be sent to:

Dr. Alan Katz
Manitoba Centre for Health Policy
University of Manitoba
408, 727 McDermot Avenue.
Winnipeg MB
R3P 3E5
CANADA
alan_katz@cpe.umanitoba.ca

Application materials, including letters of reference, will be handled in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Manitoba).

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Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Canadian Medical Association Journal Top Achievements in Health Research - 2009

Full applications must be courier stamped by April 1, 2010

The aim of this competition is to acknowledge Canadian health research achievements that have had a significant impact on health, health care, and health research by improving our understanding of health and human diseases, tackling health challenges, and improving our health system.

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ) **invite individuals or teams of health researchers, health professionals and others** to submit significant achievements they may have made in any area of health research. Achievements will be selected from the following four categories: (i) biomedical; (ii) clinical; (iii) health services; and (iv) population and public health.

The **Top Health Research Achievements** as selected by an international review committee will be considered for publication in the CMAJ. The individuals and teams responsible for leading this work may also be highlighted on the CIHR web site and other communications materials.

The CMAJ and CIHR recognize that the full impact of an achievement takes time. In many cases, full impact or appreciation may not be realized for several years. **As such, this competition will acknowledge research that has achieved impact within five years of the current competition year. This award is NOT targeted to lifetime achievement in research or capacity building in research.**

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CIHR - Institute of Aging Betty Havens Award for Knowledge Translation in Aging 2010

Application deadline: May 3, 2010

Through the [Betty Havens Award for Knowledge Translation in Aging](#), the CIHR Institute of Aging will recognize individual(s), team(s) or organization(s) that have advanced the translation of research in aging at a local or regional level.

Relevant KT activities must be clearly related to healthy and successful aging, and/or improving the well-being and quality of life of current and future older Canadians. The underpinning research should have addressed issues of aging and/or the aged as essential elements of the objectives, hypotheses and analyses (e.g., dynamics of aging, age-relevant models and/or aged subjects; uniqueness of aging or aged population).

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Canadian Institutes of Health Research Knowledge Translation Award 2010

Full applications must be courier stamped by May 3, 2010

The [CIHR Knowledge Translation Award](#) honours and supports the exemplary knowledge translation efforts and activities of an exceptional individual, team or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to increasing the application of research findings, improving the health of Canadians, health services and products, or strengthening the health-care system. Nominated individuals, teams or organizations will be assessed on significant achievements in knowledge translation activities relevant to any area of health research (e.g., biomedical, clinical, health services and policy, and population and public health). The achievements of the individual, team or organization that is the recipient of the CIHR Knowledge Translation Award will be celebrated at the annual CIHR Awards Ceremony held in Ottawa each fall.

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CIHR Strategy on Patient-Oriented Research

As you may be aware, the purpose of the CIHR Strategy on Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) is to translate research findings into improved health outcomes. CIHR has developed a discussion paper that outlines the patient-oriented research strategy and is conducting a national consultation to seek feedback on the proposed

country-wide strategy. We invite the population and public health research, policy and practice community to review the [Executive Summary](#) and the [SPOR Discussion Paper](#). We also encourage you to take the time to complete the brief [survey](#) to capture your suggestions. It is critical that CIHR receive feedback from a broad range of stakeholders.

Conference Opportunities



Family Medicine Forum 2010

October 14 - 16, 2010 Vancouver, British Columbia

Research Day will once again be held on the Pre-conference day October 13, 2010.

[Family Medicine Forum \(FMF\) 2010](#) combines the annual scientific assemblies of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the British Columbia College of Family Physicians (BCCFP) and the annual workshops of the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers. Family Medicine Forum (FMF) is attended by over 2000 family physicians, family medicine teachers, researchers, residents, medical students, nurses, nurse practitioners and many other health care professionals every year. FMF is the premier family medicine conference in Canada - our delegates come not only for the great variety of CME offered, but for the opportunity to network with their colleagues and friends from across the country.

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*** 38th North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Annual Meeting**

Submit a proposal

Submission Deadline: April 19, 2010

Conference dates: November 13 - 17, 2010 Seattle, WA

You are invited to [submit a proposal](#), present a paper, poster, workshop or forum at the [2010 NAPCRG Annual Meeting](#) in Seattle, Washington. The meeting will be held November 13-17, 2010. Proposals on any topic relating to primary care research are welcome from researchers throughout North America and the rest of the world.

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2nd Annual Canadian Forum on Patient Safety and Quality Improvement: Improving Safety Across the Continuum

April 12 - 14, 2010 Toronto ON

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 the opportunity for a variety of health professionals to participate, including, but not limited to, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, health care providers, educators, leaders, researchers, and board members. With this year's theme, "Improving Safety Across the Continuum", we encourage participation from those who work in areas across the continuum including palliative care, home and community care, long-term/residential care, acute care, mental health and primary care.

Safer Healthcare Now! Preconference

April 12, 2010 0830-1700 hrs

Back by popular demand, this one-day preconference is designed to support teams working on [Safer Healthcare Now!](#) and will be held in conjunction with Canada's Forum on Patient Safety & Quality Improvement at the Harbour Castle Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

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Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) 2010 Symposium - Evidence, Advice, Recommendations: Delivering Value for Money in Health Care for Canadians

April 18-20, 2010 Halifax, Nova Scotia

Registration closes April 6, 2010

Join us in Halifax for the [2010 CADTH Symposium](#) and a rousing finale to the celebration of CADTH's 20th anniversary. Connect with other experts in the production and use of evidence-based information on drugs and other health technologies at the "must-attend Symposium of the year".

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Canada Health Infoway - Spring 2010 Infoway Partnership Conference

April 19 - 21 Montreal, QC

[Online registration](#) will close April 15, 2010.

The [Infoway Partnership Conference](#) is the place to learn and share experiences and perspectives about real world standards-based solutions in both clinical practice and EHR deployment. Delegates find a sophisticated level of common interest and a strong sense of collaboration, coupled with enthusiasm for transparent and open dialogue. The Conference is of interest to standards and architecture experts, vendors, clinicians, privacy and security experts, implementers, health delivery organizations, academics, and other stakeholders involved in health informatics.

Technology and health care vendors are able to share the latest news about their developments and the adoption of electronic health information solutions with Conference delegates through the InfoFair and other networking opportunities.

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*** Centre for Effective Practice - 2010 Clinical Practice Guidelines Institute**

April 24-25, 2010 Toronto, ON

Supported by a grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. In partnership with: the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology; Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, University of Toronto; and McMaster University.

Are you currently involved in developing evidence-based clinical practice guidelines in Canada? Are you interested in learning more about the factors that influence guideline quality? Is your organization trying to improve its process of guideline development? This participatory 2-day workshop is designed to equip participants with a deeper understanding of key elements of the development, promotion and implementation of evidence-based guidelines. [Click here](#) for more information.

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*** Advances in Health Informatics Conference (AHIC) 2010: The Realities of eHealth**

April 28 - 30 Kitchener, ON

Hosted by the National Institutes of Health Informatics; the Waterloo Institute for Health Informatics Research; the University of Waterloo School of Pharmacy; the University of Waterloo School of Optometry; and Healthcare IMC Canada.

You are invited to attend the inaugural conference of the [**AHIC 2010: The Realities of eHealth**](#), an international conference focused on Health Informatics education and research. ACIH 2010 is a top-tier, peer-reviewed Health Informatics conference addressing both research and education which will attract national and international participants from both the academic and commercial communities. It will bring together academics, visionaries, leaders and experts from around the globe.

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*** Canadian Association of Continuing Health Education (CACHE) Conference - Linking CHE to Educational Outcomes - Closing the Loop**

April 28 - 30, 2010 St. John's, NL

Hosted by: Professional Development & Conferencing Services, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland

The conference will bring together continuing health educator providers, including those from community hospitals, healthcare professionals: Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Dentistry; academia, professional healthcare Colleges and Organizations, national Colleges and Provincial Chapters, national specialty societies, not for profit healthcare organization, all eager to build new relationships.

The program includes pre-conference workshops for the beginner in CHE to the experienced CHE provider. The preconference workshops will include a full day program *Foundation of CHE - including an accreditation overview of the CFPC/RCPSC* by Jane Tipping, Education Consultant, Office of CEPD, University of Toronto and members of the respective Colleges and a half day program *Making Patients Safer - What you Need to Know* by Dr. Ed Etchells, Associate SGS Member, Department of Medicine, University of Toronto. The program also includes many posters, research & workshop presentations, including accreditation workshops for the seasoned professional to be presented by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

[Click here](#) for more information.

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Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME) 2010 - White Coat, Warm Heart: Integrating Science and Humanism

May 1 - 5, 2010 St. John's, NF

Hosted by Memorial University of Newfoundland in collaboration with The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada; the Canadian Association for Medical Education; The College of Family Physicians of Canada; the Medical Council of Canada; and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

The [Canadian Conference on Medical Education \(CCME\)](#) is the premier medical education conference in Canada. The purpose of the CCME is to highlight and allow participants to benefit from developments in medical education, and to promote academic medicine by establishing an annual forum for medical educators and their many partners to meet and exchange ideas.

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*** Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) - 2010 Annual Conference**

May 10 - 13, 2010 Toronto, ON

The [Annual CAHSPR 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. In addition to emerging research, the Annual CAHSPR Conference features provocative plenary lectures by leaders in health policy.

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*** Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre (CCNC) Symposium 2010 - Evidence in Uncertain Times: Meeting the Challenge**

19 - 20 May, 2010 Ottawa, ON

This year's symposium theme, [Evidence in Uncertain Times: Meeting the Challenge](#), reflects the urgent need to network, share and communicate what we have learned about the best ways to produce, synthesize and use research evidence to improve the health of Canadians. Simultaneous English-French translation will be provided during the Symposium.

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*** 19th WONCA World Conference of Family Doctors - The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs): The Contribution of Family Medicine**

19 - 23 May, 2010 Cancun, Mexico

The [19th WONCA World Conference of Family Doctors](#), being held in Cancun, Mexico, is the biggest and most important event of

family medicine professionals in the world, attracting more than 5,000 doctors with experience in clinical affairs, administration, education, research, epidemiology and other health-related issues.

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*** e-Health 2010: From Investment to Impact**

30 May - 2 June, 2010 Vancouver, BC

Hosted by COACH (Canada's Health Informatics Association) and the Canadian Institute for Health Information

e-Health 2010 will continue the tradition of providing an excellent conference program filled with practical experiences and lessons from those on the ground; the largest e-Health event and tradeshow in Canada; the only Canadian interoperability showcase; unequalled networking opportunities. **Pre-conference workshops** will be held on Sunday, May 30. Click here to **register**. Early Bird rate in effect until April 5, 2010.

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*** 5th International Primary Care Respiratory Group (IPCRG) World Conference - Making every breath count**

2 - 5 June, 2010 Toronto, ON

Hosted by the Family Physician Airways Group of Canada (FPAGC) and co-sponsored by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

The IPCRG provides a forum for its constituent national groups so that it may represent international primary care perspectives in respiratory medicine and raise standards of care in individual countries and globally, through collaborative research, innovation and dissemination of best practice and education. We call on primary care practitioners, researchers, industry and policy makers to join us and continue the work of the first four IPCRG conferences. Email **ce.med@utoronto.ca**, or visit the **conference website** for more information. **Register** here.

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*** Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) 7th Annual Meeting - Maximising the Value of HTA**

6 - 9 June 2010 Dublin, Ireland

Supporting healthcare decision making is the cornerstone of health technology assessment. In increasingly challenging economic conditions, budgets for HTA may be subject to scrutiny or

restrictions while the role of HTA in optimising the use of healthcare resources to maximise patient outcomes is more important than ever. We are planning a high quality scientific meeting to allow healthcare practitioners, researchers, policy makers, administrators, industry representatives, consumer organizations, consultancies and other stakeholders explore how best to maximise the value of HTA. For more information, visit the [conference website](#).

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Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) - Public Health in Canada: Shaping the Future Together

CPHA is pleased to host its Centennial Conference in collaboration with the Canadian Institute for Health Information - Canadian Population Health Initiative (CIHI - CPHI); the Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Population and Public Health (CIHR-IPPH); National Collaborating Centres for Public Health; National Specialty Society for Community Medicine (NSSCM); Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC); Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA)

June 13 - 16, 2010 Toronto, ON

On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA), public health practitioners from across the country and around the world will meet in Toronto to celebrate a century of achievements and to shape the future of public health. The goal of this very special gathering is to envision how we can shape the future of public health - using lessons from the past and our understanding of the present - and deepen our sense of purpose to achieve health for all. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information.

Website Info-to-Go

* / ** **Towards Evidence-Informed Practice (TEIP)**

[Towards Evidence-Informed Practice](#) is a program of the Ontario Public Health Association, with funding provided by the Ministry of Health Promotion under the Ontario Stroke System - Health Promotion and Primary Prevention.. It aims to strengthen the effectiveness of local health promotion and chronic disease prevention initiatives by increasing the use of relevant evidence and creation of practice-based evidence. TEIP features a set of three field-tested and rigorously evaluated Tools and processes for Program Assessment, Program Evidence and Program Evaluation.

Funding Opportunities

Canadian Patient Safety Institute: Patient/Client Safety in

Home Care in Canada

Application deadline: April 8, 2010

For the first time, not only in Canada, but internationally, major funding will be available for researchers to study patient safety in home care. Up to \$1.2 million is being provided by the Canadian Patient Safety Institute (CPSI) and other sponsoring organizations - including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR), Institute of Aging (IA), Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (ICRH), and Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis (IMHA); The Change Foundation; and the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF) - to help identify the scope and magnitude of the patient safety challenge in home care. Click on the link to find out more about the [**Patient/Client Safety in Home Care in Canada**](#) Competition.

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Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Chair

[**Chair: Rx&D Collaborative Research Program**](#)

Application Deadline: 2010-05-01

Emerging Team Grant

[**Emerging Team Grant: Canadian Microbiome Initiative**](#)

Application Deadline: 2010-05-03

[**Regenerative Medicine and Nanomedicine \(2009-2010\)**](#)

Application Deadline: 2010-07-02

Fellowship

[**Fellowship: CANADA-HOPE Scholarship Program \(2009-2010\)**](#)

Application Deadline: 2010-03-31

Knowledge Synthesis Grant

[**Knowledge Synthesis Grant: 2010**](#)

Application Deadline: 2010-05-03

[**Spring 2010 Priority Announcement \(Specific Research Areas\)**](#)

Application Deadline: 2010-05-03

Operating Grant: Collaborative Health Research

Collaborative Health Research (NSERC Partnered) (2010-2011)

LOI Deadline: 2010-05-03

Population Health Intervention Research

Letter of Intent: 2010-06-01

Other

Clinical Investigatorship Award (2010)

Application Deadline: 2010-07-02

MD/PhD Studentship Awards (2010)

Application Deadline: 2010-06-01

Team Grant

Team Grant: Childhood Obesity Research (India-Canada Collaborative Teams in Childhood Obesity Research)

Application Deadline: 2010-05-01

Early origins of addiction in children and youth (Canada - Finland)

Application Deadline: 2010-06-18

Sleep and Circadian Rhythms

Application Deadline: 2010-06-15

IHSPR Travel Awards for Trainees and New Investigators

Next application deadlines:

April 2, 2010

June 2, 2010

October 1, 2010

IHSPR has launched this competition for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and new investigators to present their own research at annual or other meetings including international conferences which are related to the Institute's mandate.

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* available in English only.

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