* **FEBRUARY 2011**

* **Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) 12th Annual Data Symposium Health Care 2011 – Information and Knowledge Leading to Change**

7 February, 2011  Toronto, ON

In partnership with the Canadian Institute for Health Information

The ICES Health Care Data Symposium data symposium is an annual event focussing on the use of administrative data in health planning, policy and research. It will feature presentations, panels and small-group discussions on: sustainability of health care for the future; using linked data for assessment and evaluation of health services; de-identification and data sharing methods; primary data collection tools; and challenges in reporting on performance and quality of care. Click here for program details and registration information.

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* **Cochrane Canada 9th Annual Symposium – Early Exposure to Cochrane: Accessible, Credible, Practical**

Pre-symposium dates: 14 - 15 February, 2011  
16 - 17 February, 2011  Vancouver, BC

We invite researchers, academics, methodologists, physicians, nurses, healthcare professionals, policy-makers, consumers, students and anyone involved in the health field to join us at the 9th Annual Cochrane Canada Symposium. This year's symposium theme is Early Exposure to Cochrane: Accessible, Credible, Practical.

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* **Health Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) 11 Annual Conference & Exhibition:  Linking People, Potential and Progress**

20 – 24 February, 2011  Orlando, FLA

No other conference offers the magnitude of connections to real world, practical solutions you’re looking for. Whether it's the latest in technologies, patient safety and quality, regulatory compliance, business best practices or personal growth – HIMSS11 has it all in one place – Orlando. This is your hub of unlimited opportunity to learn and to discover your own path to success. Here, you can connect with the people, potential and progress that can help you make informed decisions today for a more confident tomorrow.

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* **WONCA 2011 Asia Pacific Regional Conference - Paradigms of Family Medicine: Bridging old traditions with new concepts**

February 21-24, 2011  Cebu City, Philippines

18th Wonca Regional Conference for Asia Pacific joins with the 10th Wonca Rural Health
Conference and the Golden Anniversary Celebration of the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians.

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* 2011 CHSPR Policy Conference: Boomerangst: Myths and Realities about health care for an aging population  
22 & 23 February, 2011  Vancouver, BC

The Canadian population is aging. So how do we untangle the truth from the fiction and begin to make the changes and encourage the innovations that will be needed if we are to provide appropriate care for an aging population? These are a few of the critical questions that will be addressed by some of the world’s experts, at CHSPR’s 2011 Policy Conference. The program over the day and a half conference will be organized around a series of compelling questions, in which are embedded some of the leading myths that undermine our capacity to focus innovation and resources where they are most needed. Speakers will identify and parse these myths, and discuss the possible, the probable, and the emerging innovations and evidence from Canada and beyond.

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* Information Technology and Communications in Health (ITCH) 2011: Health Informatics: International Perspectives  
February 24 – 27, 2011  Victoria, BC  
Presented by the School of Health Information Science, University of Victoria

**Health Informatics: International Perspectives** is the working theme for the 2011 ITCH conference being held in Victoria, BC, Canada. Health informatics is now a global phenomenon, supporting the organization and delivery of healthcare across the globe, both in developing and developed countries. Now, as we look ahead to 2011, **Health Informatics: International Perspectives** will provide a unique opportunity to focus on international comparisons. There are major lessons to be learnt by both developed and developing communities as health informatics becomes ever more central to the organization and delivery of healthcare across the globe.

MARCH 2011

* 4th Annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Policy and Practice  
21 – 22 March, 2011  Bethesda, MD  
**Conference Registration Deadline:** 11:59 PM Eastern Time on February 18, 2011  
**There is no fee to register for this conference. Please note: this year’s conference will NOT be available for viewing online.**
There is a recognized need to close the gap between research evidence and clinical and public health practice and policy. How is this best accomplished? Dissemination and implementation research in health seeks to answer this question, and is gaining momentum as a field of scientific inquiry. The goal of the annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation is to facilitate growth in the research base by providing a forum for communicating and networking about the science of dissemination and implementation.

APRIL 2011

Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) 2011 Symposium – Evidence to Practice: Maximizing Our Investment in Health Care
3 – 5 April, 2011 Vancouver, BC

This year’s theme highlights the connection between evidence, health care delivery and health system sustainability and sets the stage for lively discussion about the implementation and impact of evidence-based decision-making and practice. Are drug reviews, health technology assessment and optimal use recommendations making a difference? Do they help decision-makers find the right balance between improved clinical outcomes and increased costs? Why are there gaps between evidence and practice and what can be done to close them? How can we make HTA useful to clinicians in their clinical practice? How can patients, the public, health care providers, researchers, industry, and other stakeholders contribute? Click here for more information.

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* The Ontario Public Health Convention: Exchanging evidence, ideas and technology
5 – 8 April, 2011 Toronto, ON

The Ontario Public Health Convention (TOPHC) is being hosted by the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA), the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) and Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (OAHPP).

The Ontario Public Health Convention aims to advance public health in Ontario by increasing the level of both knowledge and skills in the workforce. It is envisioned that the Convention will include an exciting mix of both research presentations to share new knowledge and educational workshops that build and refine practical skills.

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* International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare – Better Health, Safer Care, Lower Costs
5 – 8 April, 2011 Amsterdam

The theme for 2011 builds on last year’s theme and captures the essence of excellent, safe and affordable healthcare. Six programme streams address the key priorities of the quality improvement movement. In all streams the relationship between improving quality and safety and the urgency to save money will be highlighted. Specific content aimed at people working in
the following settings will also be presented: global and public health; primary and community care; hospital management and frontline clinicians; executive role such as directors and CEOs; long-term and chronic care. Click here for more information.

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11 – 12 April, 2011 Durham, UK

Fuse is delighted to announce the 2011 Knowledge Exchange in Public Health Conference. Its aim is to bring together those working in health, local authority, voluntary organisations and academics from across the health and wellbeing community to share learning about the latest thinking in knowledge exchange, translational research, the co-creation of knowledge, partnership and collaborative working. The Knowledge Exchange in Public Health Conference will explore the approaches, opportunities and challenges involved in sharing and using knowledge and evidence across the public health and wellbeing community.

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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 the key message of patient safety and quality improvement, Canada’s Forum:
- Focuses on the needs and expectations of front-line practitioners and decision-makers;
- Focuses on learning and skill development for the entire continuum of care; and
- Focuses on a hands-on approach to patient safety and quality improvement.

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* Canadian Association of Continuing Health Education (CACHE) /Association canadienne d’éducation médicale continue (ACEMC) Annual Conference – Evolving Competence for Health Professionals
14 - 15 April, 2011 Banff, AB

The 2011 CACHE/ACEMC Annual Conference will be held in partnership with the National Continuing Competence Conference (NCCC).
Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME) – Scholarship in Medical Education
7 – 11 May, 2011  Toronto, ON

In partnership with The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) (conference secretariat), the Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME), The College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), the Medical Council of Canada (MCC), and The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC).

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. Plenary Session Themes: Research in Medical Education; Scholarship in Social Accountability; Valuing Scholarship in Medical Education.

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Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) – Renewing Federalism, Improving Health Care: Can this Marriage Be Saved?
9 – 12 May, 2011  Halifax, NS

Our health system needs to perform better, and how governments relate to each other can promote or thwart improvement. Canada was born as a federation and federalism defines our reality. The Constitution assigns responsibility for most health care to the provinces, but Ottawa retains important jurisdiction and funds some programs and institutions unilaterally. Cooperation waxes and wanes with the political tides. Federalism is on our minds because of the impending expiration of the Canada Health Transfer agreement, but the issues are broader and deeper. The 2011 CAHSPR conference will explore the politics and mechanics of federalism and what needs to change to spur improvement.

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* The Cancer and Primary Care Research International Network (Ca-PRI) 4th International Annual Meeting - New pathways in cancer care: Substitution from Secondary to Primary Care?
26 & 27 May, 2011  Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands

Hosted by Ca-PRI; KWF, Dutch Cancer Society; NIVEL, Netherlands Institute for Health Services Research; NHG, Dutch College of General Practitioners

With improved efforts on diagnosis and more effective treatments, survival rates for cancer patients are increasing. For a substantial proportion of patients their cancer is now becoming a chronic disease. This development poses challenges to health care organization, as it results in higher demand for care and also asks for rehabilitation efforts for cancer survivors. Traditionally, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up care are provided in secondary care. To keep cancer care effective, efficient, accessible and affordable, alternative strategies to the traditional approach of cancer care are needed. Substitution from secondary to primary care might be one of the
solutions. The meeting will be a lively mix of research presentations, topic updates, guided poster walks and proposal workshops. There will be many opportunities for interaction, social contacts, discussions and networking. Click here for more information.

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2nd International Primary Care Respiratory Group (IPCRG) Scientific Meeting – Primary Care at the leading edge
26 - 27 May, 2011 Amsterdam, Netherlands

Call for Abstracts
Abstract Deadline: 15 March, 2011

The IPCRG will be holding its 2nd Scientific Meeting in Amsterdam. The meeting we will have 3 abstract categories: Clinical Research (includes both qualitative and quantitative), Implementation Science/Service Development and Research Ideas.

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* e-Health 2011- Enabling Healthy Outcomes
Hosted by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and COACH Canada’s Health Informatics Association
29 May – 1 June, 2011 Toronto, ON

Conference Registration Opens: 1 February, 2011
Early Bird Registration: April 5, 2011

e-Health 2011 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; unequalled social event and networking opportunities; the only Canadian Interoperability Showcase.

JUNE 2011

* Canadian Bioethics Society 22nd Annual Conference – Excellence in Health Care: Meeting the Challenges of Sustainability
2 – 4 June, 2011 Saint John, NB

Call for Abstracts
Deadline: 28 February, 2011
Abstracts may be submitted in English or in French.

The 22nd Annual Canadian Bioethics Society Conference will be held at the Saint John Regional Hospital in Saint John, New Brunswick. The conference will bring together bioethicists,
healthcare professionals and leaders, researchers, students and other interested individuals to discuss and disseminate research and evidence toward achieving a healthcare system from health policies which are both sustainable, and ethical. With over 60 presentations, the conference will approach the issue of sustainability from an interdisciplinary perspective. Plenary sessions will centre on the economic, clinical and bioethics perspectives of sustainability.

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**Canadian College of Health Leaders (CCHL) and the Canadian Healthcare Association (CHA) 2011 National Healthcare Leadership Conference – Rising to the Challenge: Resources, Realities and Relationships**

6 – 7 June, 2011 Whistler, BC

This conference is the largest national gathering of health system decision-makers in Canada including trustees, chief executive officers, directors, managers and department heads. Participants represent health regions, authorities and alliances, hospitals, long-term care organizations, public health agencies, community care and mental health services and social services. As well, the conference draws participants from government, education and research institutions, professional associations, consulting firms and industry.

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*** Academy Health – Annual Research Meeting**

12 – 14 June, 2011 Seattle, WA

For 27 years, AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting (ARM) has been the premier forum for health services research, where more than 2,400 attendees gather to discuss health policy implications, sharpen research methods, and network with colleagues from around the world. The ARM program is designed for health services researchers, providers, key decision makers, clinicians, graduate students, and research analysts who want to:

- Examine emerging research issues critical to the organization, financing, and management of health services;
- Get updates on the latest research studies and current health policy issues;
- Hear the research funding priorities of foundations and federal agencies; and
- Explore the impact of health services research on improving access and quality of care.

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**Canadian Public Health Association 2011 Conference: Public Health in Canada: Innovative Partnerships for Action**

19 – 22 June, 2011 Montreal, QC

In collaboration with the Canadian Institute for Health Information; Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Population and Public Health; National Collaborating Centres for Public Health; National Specialty Society for Community Medicine; Public Health Agency of Canada. In association with the l’Association pour la santé publique du Québec.
The 2011 Canadian Public Health Association Conference will explore the role of partnerships in creating the conditions in which people can lead flourishing lives and will showcase innovative collective actions that support the maintenance and improvement of the health of populations. We are interested in how partnerships help us ‘do things differently’, how they ‘bridge divides’ in the broad field of public health, as well as how they are conceived, developed, implemented and sustained.

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* 8th Annual Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) - HTA for Health Systems Sustainability
Pre-Conference: 25th & 26th June, 2011 Rio de Janeiro

Following discussions at the United Nations (UN) Conference on Environment and Development in Rio in 1992 (ECO-92) and in subsequent global meetings, sustainability is now seen as the key issue facing mankind on the 21st century. Much of the debate has been around the sustainability of the climate and environment, but the sustainability of human systems also presents significant challenges. The HTAi 2011 Annual Meeting in Rio will focus on the sustainability of health care systems and the role of HTA in supporting this.

JULY 2011

* 2011 Primary Health Care Research Conference – Inspiration, collaborations, solutions
13 – 15 July, 2011 Brisbane, AUSTRALIA

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, it is convened by the Primary Health Care Research and Information Service (PHC RIS) and supported by both the Australian Association of Academic Primary Care (AAAPC) and the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute (APHCRI, based at ANU).

This Conference aims to focus on Inspiration, collaborations, solutions. It will provide essential opportunities for you to present and hear about the latest research, share ideas, debate critical primary health care matters, form collaborations and network with speakers and other delegates. The program is an exciting blend of plenary sessions, workshops, symposia, poster and paper sessions, with influential and inspiring presenters from both Australia and overseas.

SEPTEMBER 2011

* 17th WONCA Europe 2011 Conference : Family medicine – practice, science and art
8 – 11 September, 2011 Warsaw, POLAND

Call for abstracts:
Deadline: 31 January, 2011
The Scientific Committee cordially invites doctors, researches and other professionals involved in primary care to submit abstracts for oral presentations, posters or workshops.

In family medicine and the other medical disciplines, the decision-making process is generally supported by science that provides evidence coming from random controlled trials or observational studies. Doctors apply this scientific knowledge in a rational manner during their everyday consultation with the patients. However, they also need to take into account psychological, social, ideological and even political factors. They need to use their skills and judgments carefully to consider costs, patient values, prejudices and emotions that may influence their care. All these aspects make Family Medicine more an art than just a science. The goal of the conference is to broaden the scope of discussion referring to ‘Family Medicine – Practice, Science and Art’ and enrich it with many additional topics.

**OCTOBER 2011**

* International Conference on Health Policy Statistics (ICHPS) – 9th International Conference on Health Policy Statistics: Advancing Methods to Improve Health Care
5 – 7 October, 2011  Cleveland, OH

22 February, 2011: Contributed/Topic-Contributed and Poster Abstract Online Submission Opens
April 4, 2011: Contributed/Topic-Contributed and Poster Abstract Online Submission Closes

Over the last 15 years, the International Conference on Health Policy Statistics (ICHPS), organized by the Health Policy Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association, has played a vital role in the dissemination process of health policy (and health services) statistics. ICHPS provides a unique forum for discussing research needs and solutions to the methodological challenges in the design of studies and analysis of data for health policy research. ICHPS's aim is to create interfaces between methodologists and sophisticated health service researchers, health economists, and policy analysts so they can exchange and build on ideas that they will disseminate to the broader health policy community.

**NOVEMBER 2011**

**FAMILY MEDICINE FORUM 2011**
3 – 5 November, 2011  Montreal QC

**FMF CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

Workshops and Sessions: Abstracts are due on Monday, February 28, 2011. [Click here](#) for Submission Instructions for Workshops/Sessions.
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


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* North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) - Annual Meeting
12 – 16 November, 2011 Banff, AB

Call for proposals
Submission deadline: April 18, 2011

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.

DECEMBER 2011

* The 4th International Conference on Fixed Combination in the Treatment of Hypertension, Dyslipidemia and Diabetes Mellitus - FIXED 2011
1 – 4 December, 2011 Paris, France

Call for Abstracts
Deadline: June 30, 2011

Fixed combination recently has made a comeback as an initial therapy in the treatment of hypertension. The additive or synergistic effect of combination therapy fully lowers blood pressure in patients who tend to have less than full response to one component only.
Antihypertensive monotherapy does not address the multifactorial nature of hypertension as a disease with many pathways; using more than one drug makes more therapeutic sense, as combined agents cover more than one etiology. The conference is intended for experts in the fields of internal medicine, cardiology, endocrinology, nephrology, diabetes, hyperlipidemia and family medicine, as well as primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and physicians’ assistants. All are invited to explore the current and future role of fixed combinations in the treatment of hypertension, dyslipidemia and diabetes.