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Dear Members:

No description of primary care research would be complete without mentioning Dr. Barbara Starfield, a brilliant, luminous star in the realm of primary care research. It is with great sadness that we learned of her unexpected passing on June 10, 2011, at her home in California.

A distinguished professor of health policy and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University, Dr. Starfield was a world-renowned scholar, author and primary care and health policy researcher. Her strong belief in the value of primary care formed the basis for her work in primary care research, which focused on quality of care, health status assessment, primary care evaluation, and equity in health.

Dr. Starfield's work was instrumental in the development of important methodological tools, including the Primary Care Assessment tool, and opened new avenues in primary care research. One of the world's most respected researchers, Dr. Starfield published two books, entitled ***Primary Care: Concept, Evaluation, and Policy*** and ***Primary Care: Balancing Health Needs, Services, and Technology***, which are considered seminal in primary care research. Her work on the effectiveness of the roles of different health professionals related to population outcomes also garnered her much respect among her colleagues.

It is with high regard for her work, thankfulness for her contributions, and respect for her ideals of equity and person-centred care that we remember her accomplishments. The future of primary care research can only benefit from her foresight, innovative thinking and the conviction of her beliefs in primary research and practice. The primary care research community will miss you, Barbara.

The Section of Researchers has posted a note of condolence in the online Guest Book that accompanies the New York Times' notice of her passing. You can add your own note of condolence by clicking [here](#).

## Research News

### **National Physician Survey (NPS) Results Now Available**

On June 27, 2011, initial results from the National Physician Survey (NPS) were released to the public. The NPS frequency tables of summarized data are accessible on the survey's website, [www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca](http://www.nationalphysiciansurvey.ca). The NPS is Canada's most comprehensive and authoritative survey of physicians containing data on physicians' practice patterns, as well as their opinions and attitudes towards their profession. Drawing on responses from more than 12,000 physicians, the NPS is a valuable research tool, and an important resource available to researchers everywhere.

Frequency tables are available online by sex, age group, broad specialty and province of practice. If you are interested in running custom analyses on the data, you can submit the [Custom Data Request form](#) to receive the specific information you need. For those interested in even more in-depth analyses, there is an option to receive a partial database of record-level data, which provides the most flexibility in the kinds of questions you can answer with the NPS data. Read more about applying for a record-level partial NPS database on the [NPS website](#). For more information about the survey and data requests, contact the National Physician Project Manager at [info@nationalphysiciansurvey.ca](mailto:info@nationalphysiciansurvey.ca).

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### **\* CIHR Funding Award: Dr. Baukje (Bo) Miedema and Dr. Stacey Reading: Referral Destination for Obese Patients in Primary Care: Will it improve health outcomes?**

Dr. Bo Miedema, (Dalhousie University Fredericton Family Medicine Teaching Unit), former member of the Section of Researchers' Executive, and Dr. Stacey Reading (Kinesiology Department, University of New Brunswick) have received a 3-year funding award from CIHR for their research project entitled "Referral Destination for Obese Patients in Primary Care: Will it Improve Health Outcomes?"

New Brunswick lacks a primary care referral destination for obese adults, so they must manage their own conditions and work alone to avert additional health problems. Obese patients who do not receive appropriate treatment will likely develop serious cardiovascular and other health problems. In New Brunswick, one quarter of the adult population, both in large urban areas and in small rural communities, is obese.

Dr. Miedema and Dr. Reading will test an intervention—a therapeutic referral destination for family physicians or other specialists for treating their obese patient population to avoid or delay the onset of serious chronic disease. The study will examine the process, viability and efficacy of a multi-site (rural vs. urban) intervention for obese patients, with the goal of improving Body Mass Index, (BMI), abdominal obesity, blood pressure, total cholesterol levels and aerobic capacity.

The study is a collaboration between Dalhousie University, the University of New Brunswick, Horizon Health Network, inter-professionals and community groups in urban and rural New Brunswick.

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#### **\* Annals of Family Medicine – North American Primary Care Research Group Family Medicine Update: Family Medicine, NAPCRG, and the Great Mandella**

The Family Medicine Update in the most recent issue of the *Annals of Family Medicine* features an excerpt from Dr. Larry Culpepper's acceptance of the Maurice Wood Award at the 2010 North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington. In his speech, Dr. Culpepper looks back on the evolution of NAPCRG and family medicine research, and encourages members to take up the challenges of the future. Read the full article [here](#).

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*2010 Winner of the Maurice Wood Award*

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#### **Panel on Research Ethics Launches the TCPS2 Tutorial**

The Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (Panel) is pleased to announce the launch of a new, online tutorial, [TCPS 2: Course on Research Ethics \(CORE\)](#). CORE supersedes the introductory tutorial that supported the 1st edition of the *Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (TCPS), developed in 1998 by Canada's federal research agencies – the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Natural Sciences and Engineering

Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). CORE was designed to support the 2nd edition of the TCPS (TCPS 2) that was released by the Agencies in December 2010. For more information and to read the full news release, click [here](#).

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**Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Cancer Research (ICR) New Principal Investigators Meeting**

27 – 30 November, 2011 Toronto, ON

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

This meeting is targeted towards new investigators / new faculty members (within their first 5 years of academic appointment) at Canadian universities, including new scientists and clinician scientists in the cancer research community. The goal of this meeting is to host new investigators from the cancer research community to attend the [ICR New Principal Investigators Meeting](#). New Investigators will also be able to attend the CCRA Canadian Cancer Research Conference that will have various plenary and symposia sessions relevant to cancer research.

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**Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Infection and Immunity (III) -- New Investigators Forum**

14 – 16 October, 2011

The CIHR Institute of Infection and Immunity will host a New Investigators Forum Meeting at Lac Delage, Quebec, on October 14-16, 2011. This event will provide new investigators the opportunity to interact with their peers, develop skills to support their career, and will inform the Institute of potential opportunities for strategic programs relating to new investigators. Please visit the [meeting website](#) for more information, or contact Serge Desnoyers at [serge.desnoyers@crchul.ulaval.ca](mailto:serge.desnoyers@crchul.ulaval.ca)

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

Deadline: Monday, 8 August, 2011

The [Chronic Disease Prevention Alliance of Canada](#) (CDPAC) is pleased to announce the Call for Abstracts for the fourth CDPAC pan-Canadian Conference titled, *Integrated Chronic Disease Prevention: It Works!* held at the Delta Ottawa City Centre. The conference will build upon the previous three successful conferences and focus on how individuals, organizations, strategies and sectors have collaboratively acted on the root causes of chronic disease in Canada. Producing the greatest gains in the health status of Canadians will require continued urgent action to reduce the inequalities that give rise to chronic diseases. Visit the [conference website](#) for additional information about the conference. For abstract submission information and guidelines click [here](#). For further information, please contact the [CDPAC Conference Secretariat](#). Telephone: 613-725-3769, ext. 126

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### **Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health: Call for Papers — Mental Health Promotion: Population Health Perspectives**

**Deadline: August 31, 2011**

The Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health (CJCMH) is an interdisciplinary publication devoted to sharing information on the mental well-being of Canadians and their communities. CJCMH invites submissions to a special issue sponsored by the Canadian Population Health Initiative of the Canadian Institute for Health Information. The special issue will be dedicated to mental health promotion from a population health perspective, with particular emphasis on equity and the role of social determinants of health. For more information, click [here](#).

## **Conference Opportunities**

### **Family Medicine Forum 2011**

**November 3 – 5, 2011 Montreal, QC**



**Family Medicine Forum (FMF) is the premier family medicine conference in Canada.**

[Family Medicine Forum \(FMF\) 2011](#) combines the annual scientific assemblies of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), The Quebec College of Family Physicians, (QCFP) and the annual workshops of the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers. Each year the FMF is attended by over 2500 family physicians, family medicine teachers and researchers, residents, medical students, nurses, nurse practitioners and many other health care professionals who 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. Visit the [FMF website](#) for more information.

**Pre-registration is now open. Early bird registration rates will be in effect until midnight August 28, 2011.**

Go to the [registration information](#) page for details.

### **Join us for Research Day 2011!**

**Research Day will again be held on the day before FMF begins, Wednesday November 2, 2011.**

Research Day is a great opportunity to learn about the work of your research colleagues and to network with other primary care researchers.

Along with simultaneous freestanding papers and scientific posters, sessions will feature presentations by the winners of the 2011 Research Award for Family Medicine Researcher of the Year, CFPC Outstanding Family Medicine Research Article, the *Canadian Family Physician* Best Original Research Article, and Research Awards for Family Medicine Residents.

Dr. Robyn Tamblyn, Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Health Services and Policy Research, will be our guest speaker during the lunch hour.

### **Section of Researchers' Dinner**

**Wednesday, November 2, 2011**

The Annual Section of Researchers' Dinner will take place on Wednesday evening at [l'Auberge St-Gabriel](#), located in scenic Old Montreal. Built in 1688, it offers superb cuisine inspired by traditional Quebec foods, served in surroundings that reflect Quebec's history. Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required. Tickets are available now—go to the [registration page](#) of the [FMF website](#) for details.

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**\* North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) 2011 Annual Meeting — Share Your Best, Learn the Latest**

**November 12 – 16 Banff, AB**

Majestic Banff, Alberta will be the setting for the 2011 NAPCRG Annual meeting. Learn and share your knowledge in a friendly, supportive environment that welcomes anyone involved in primary care research. In addition to plenary addresses delivered by Dr. Trisha Greenhalgh, Dr. Kevin Grumbach, and Dr. Martin Fortin (Université de Sherbrooke), the meeting will offer paper presentations, workshops, forums and posters on a wide range of topics in primary care.

Registration opens on August 1, 2011. Visit the [NAPCRG website](#) for more information.

### **Student, Resident, Fellow Works-in-Progress Call-for-Papers**

Deadline: August 15, 2011 (midnight)

Students, residents, and fellows are invited to submit a poster at the 2011 NAPCRG Annual Meeting. Proposals on any topic relating to primary care research are welcome from researchers throughout North America and the world. The [Call for Papers](#) is now open online. Questions? Contact NAPCRG representatives at (913) 906-6000, ext. 5410, or 888-371-6397, or email Priscilla Noland at [pnoland@napcrg.org](mailto:pnoland@napcrg.org).

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### **New NAPCRG Membership Category**

NAPCRG is happy to announce a new Life Membership category!

If you have reached the age of 60, you are eligible for this category. Life Membership dues are paid one time; physician dues are \$1,000 and non-physician dues are \$750.

NAPCRG also offers free e-membership to students, residents, and fellows. If you know of someone who should join, please direct them to the NAPCRG [website](#), or contact [Priscilla Noland](#) for additional information.

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