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Dear Members:

Congratulations to all members who have been invited to submit full funding proposals to the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Community-Based Primary Health Care Team Grant initiative!

More than 80 letters of intent were submitted to the competition, which generated considerable interest and excitement among family medicine and primary health care researchers across Canada and partners in Australia and New Zealand.

A list of applicants whose Letter of Intent proposals were successful can be viewed [here](#).

As promised, the Section of Researchers has been working to support those who did not receive an invitation to submit a proposal, based on their LOIs.

Dr. Alan Katz, Chair of the Section of Researchers, and Dr. Rick Glazier, former chair of the section, in collaboration with the Canadian Primary Health Care Research and Innovation Network (CPHCRIN) began the process by conducting a webinar on the CHNET-WORKS! Fireside Chat project. CHNET-WORKS! is a project of the University of Ottawa's Population Health Improvement Research Network that links researchers, decision-makers, and practitioners in population health and stakeholder sectors from across Canada.

During the presentation, entitled "What's Next? Other Opportunities for CBPHC Innovation Team Grant Proposals", Drs. Katz and Glazier noted that team members have put considerable work into developing the LOIs, and, while not all were successful, other opportunities may exist.

They encouraged team members to review the feedback they received, and re-purpose their proposals for submission to other funding opportunities available from the CIHR and from other sources. In cases where re-working a proposal is not feasible, they suggested that members consider volunteering to support a project for which a full

proposal is being submitted. Team-based research project require members with a wide variety of skills and expertise, and may provide an opportunity to become involved with another project.

You can view the PowerPoint presentation (English only, #291) [here](#).

Questions may be directed to Dr. Alan Katz ([Alan\\_Katz@cpe.umanitoba.ca](mailto:Alan_Katz@cpe.umanitoba.ca))

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## Research News

### **Welcome Dr. Cheryl Levitt**

The Research Department of the College of Family Physicians of Canada welcomes Dr Cheryl Levitt, who has recently joined the Research Department as Senior Research Advisor.

Dr Cheryl Levitt is a family physician and a professor in the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University. Born in South Africa, she trained at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg and did her internship at Baragwanath Hospital, Soweto. She left South Africa in 1977 for Canada, and practiced in rural British Columbia from 1977 until 1984.

Dr. Levitt has been an academic family physician since 1984 at McGill and McMaster Universities. She was appointed in 2011 as a member of the Discipline Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. From 2008 to 2011, she was the Provincial Primary Care Lead for Cancer Care Ontario. Dr. Levitt was Chair of the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University from 1996 to 2006 and President of the Ontario College of Family Physicians from 2005 to 2006. She has led the Quality in Family Practice project from 2000 to 2009 and published the *Quality in Family Practice Book of Tools* in 2010. Dr. Levitt has published widely on primary care issues, medical migration of foreign doctors, gender equity and maternal and child health. She has received a number of awards, including the South African Women for Women HEALTH Award in 2004; the WONCA (World Organization of Family Doctors) Fellowship Award in 2010; the Jean Pierre Despins award from the College of Family Physicians of Canada in 2010; and the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award for Health Wellness for the City of Hamilton in 2011.

Dr. Levitt's responsibilities will include advocating on behalf of family medicine research at meetings with various agencies, and contributing to work on policy development and planning. She will also provide expert advice and guidance to the CFPC on research-related matters.

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## **Shared decision-making between doctors and patients can reduce antibiotic use**

A training tool that helps physicians involve patients in decision-making can reduce the use of antibiotics for acute respiratory infections, according to a study conducted by a team led by Drs. France Légaré and Michel Labrecque, both members of the CFPC Section of Researchers and researchers at the Centre de recherche du CHU de Québec. The study was recently published (English only) in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ)*. Read the article [here](#).

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## **\* Annals of Family Medicine – North American Primary Care Research Group Family medicine Update: Activities of the Committee for the Advancement of the Science of Family Medicine**

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In the May/June issue of the Annals of Family Medicine, the North American Primary Care Research Group reviews the activities of the Committee for the Advancement of the Science of Family Medicine (CASFM). Formed in 2008 in response to strategic initiatives identified by The Future of Family Medicine Project, the Committee has 4 workgroups, all of which have US and Canadian Co-chairs: Practice-Based Research, Health Information Technologies, Economic Research, and Research Methodologies. Catch up on their activities [here](#).

Written by:

*James W. Mold, MD, MPH*

*Chair of the Committee for the Advancement of the Science of Family Medicine*

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## **\*Annals of Family Medicine – North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Family Medicine Update: Encouraging Participation of Minorities in Research Studies**

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Inclusion of ethnic and racial minorities in research studies can support the generalizability of study results, help identify the best available treatments, and lead to relevant findings that are unique to groups due to cultural, environmental, or physiologic factors. In the United States, agencies such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have, in recent years, emphasized the scientific and ethical obligations researchers have to include minority participants in research studies. Recruitment of minority participants in research studies can be particularly challenging, however, and can lead to underrepresentation of minorities in clinical trials. Dr. Vanessa Diaz, author of NAPCRG's Family Medicine Update in the [July/August](#) issue of the Annals of Family Medicine, discusses a number of strategies that may help improve minority recruitment.

Written by

*Vanessa Diaz, MD*

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#### \* Fast Facts

**National Physician Survey (NPS) 2010 – Fast Facts:** The 2010 NPS results are being highlighted in *Canadian Family Physician* with monthly Fast Facts. The June issue focuses on the family physicians caring for immigrants, and their attributes as a group as well as provincial comparisons.

Caring for immigrant and refugee health carries with it specific requirements, recently outlined in a Canadian Collaboration for Immigrant and Refugee Health (CCIRH) report. 63% of Canadian FP/GPs indicate caring for recent immigrants and for 3.3% they represent over 10% of patient population. There are provincial differences, however with the highest proportions of FP/GPs caring for immigrants observed in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the lowest in Newfoundland and Quebec. On average, compared to general physician population, those who provide care to recent immigrants are more likely to be younger and female.

Click [here](#) for the full report.

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#### \* Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Practice-Based Research Networks

Do you work with a practice-based research network? Interested in learning more about Practice-Based Research Networks? You can find a wealth of information about practice-based research networks (PBRNs) on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) webpage, [Practice-Based Research Networks](#).

The goal of the website is to:

- Inform primary care researchers and PBRNs about the latest PBRN and primary care research news
- Inform persons about research that has been and is being conducted in PBRNs
- Provide links to other sites that are useful for primary care and PBRN research
- Provide support in the form of presentations, documents, and information pertinent to PBRNs and their research
- Provide mechanisms for PBRNs to collaborate with one another

Anyone interested in learning more about PBRNs can access the open-access are of the [website](#).

#### **PBRN Research Portal**

A secure portal is also available for members of AHRQ-certified PBRNs. The PBRN Research Portal, which is managed by the PBRN Resource Center, complements the public website by providing research resources and tools to enhance communication and collaboration among PBRN members. Portal users can:

- Access numerous research resources
- Create study web pages
- Share documents
- Participate in discussion groups, and more

Researchers not currently involved in a PBRN may also be able to access the portal with special permission. Contact the [Resource Center](#) to enquire about access to the portal.

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## **Harkness Fellowship Awards**

**The deadline for receipt of applications from Canada is November 19, 2012.**

The Canadian Harkness Fellowship Award enables talented Canadians to participate in the [Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy and Practice](#), a core program of The Commonwealth Fund's International Program in Health Policy and Practice.

The Commonwealth Fund, in collaboration with the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, offers a unique opportunity for mid-career professionals—researchers, policy-makers, clinicians, managers and journalists—to spend 12 months in the United States to conduct a policy-oriented research study with leading U.S. health experts.

Click here for [more information](#).

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## **Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada**

### **[Research Fellowship](#)**

A Research Fellowship is an "in-training" award to support young investigators with a professional degree (PhD, MD, BM, DVM or equivalent) in initiating and/or continuing in the scientific method and chosen area of the cardiovascular or cerebrovascular fields.

**Applications to the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada are due annually on November 1st to be tenable July 1st of the following year.**

Applications **must be received by 16:00 EDT** on the deadline date. If the deadline falls on a weekend, the application must be received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada by 16:00 EDT the previous Friday.

## [Research Scholarship](#)

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Research Scholarship is a salary award intended for applicants with a masters and/or PhD and with credential(s) in a regulated accredited health discipline. The objective is to attract and foster cardiovascular or cerebrovascular investigators from a variety of health disciplines. Each application is considered to be a joint submission by the applicant and the identified mentor.

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## Conference Opportunities



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

*FMF 2012 combines the annual scientific assemblies of the College of Family Physicians of Canada, the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) and the annual workshops of the CFPC's Sections of Teachers and Researchers.*

[Pre-registration](#) is now open.

### **Join us for Research Day 2012!**

[Research Day](#) will be held on the day before FMF begins, Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

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 recipients of the 2012 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.

**New to family medicine research? Know someone who is?  
Check out these [sessions](#)!**

**Mixed Methods Research (English only)**

**14:05–16:30**

*Douglas Archibald, PhD, Ottawa, ON; Anne Harley, MD, CCFP, FCFP, Ottawa, ON*

**Effective Mail & Web Survey Design and Implementation Strategies: Tips for research assistants and new researchers (Simultaneous Interpretation)**

**14:05 – 15:00**

*Paul Krueger, PhD, Toronto, ON*

Click here for [session information](#).

**Section of Researchers' Dinner  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012  
19:00 – 23:00**

The Annual Section of Researchers' Dinner will take place on Wednesday, November 14 at the Latvian Canadian Cultural Centre.

Pre-registration/Tickets required. Click here to download the [registration form](#).

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**8<sup>th</sup> Annual CFPC Walk for the Docs!**

**Saturday, 17 November, 2012 – Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

Contribute to the Research and Education Foundation by walking, running, or sponsoring a participant at this year's [Walk for the Docs](#), taking place on Saturday, November 17, at CFPC's Family Medicine Forum in Toronto, Ontario. Click on the link for more details, and follow us on [Twitter](#).

## **Silent Auction and Raffles**

Thursday, November 15 - Saturday, November 17, 2012

**College Square (in the Exhibit Hall)**

**Family Medicine Forum**

**Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

FMF participants can support the REF by bidding on or purchasing tickets for some of the exciting items that will be available at the [Silent Auction](#) and Raffles this year. Our catalog has items to fit every interest be it sports, jewelry, electronics, luggage and more. Visit the display booth at College Square located in the exhibit hall.

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### **\* North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** 1 – 5 December, 2012 New Orleans, LA

LEARN the latest in primary care research. CONNECT with colleagues. EXPERIENCE fabulous New Orleans! Click here for [information](#) about registration, hotel and travel, preconference workshops, plenary sessions, and conference sessions.

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### **\*Community-Based Child Health Research Symposium**

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 Toronto, ON

The [1<sup>st</sup> North American Community Office-Based Child Health Research Symposium](#) will be held on November 14th, 2012 to discuss the challenges and importance of community office-based health research for children and to discuss exciting new opportunities in this evolving area.

Speakers will present incentives for participating in office-based research and show how the emergence of Canadian office-based networks are capable of capturing valuable and useful prospective health data. Cutting edge findings from recent research will be presented. Progress towards developing a national, community office-based research network may be the best way to alert researchers and clinicians of the need to provide evidence for improving the health care of children looked after in the community.

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



## Funding Opportunities

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