* 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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* Canadian Association of Continuing Health Education (CACHE) / Association canadienne d'éducation médicale continue (ACEMC) Annual Conference – Evolving Competence for Health Professionals
14 -1 5 April, 2011 Banff, AB

The 2011 CACHE/ACEMC Annual Conference will be held in partnership with the National Continuing Competence Conference (NCCC). The Conference’s program objectives are to:
- develop collaboration and leadership skills in health educators and regulators
- promote new models in education and interprofessional practice
- contribute to best practices in performance assessment for continuing competence
- encourage research in health education, interprofessional collaboration, and continuing competence
- identify the future needs of health educators, accreditors and regulators.

MAY 2011

* Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) – 7th Annual AAMC Physician Workforce Research Conference
5 – 6 May, 2011 National Harbor, MD

This year’s Conference will focus on health care reform and the health workforce. Meeting Highlights Include:
- Plenary I: Workforce and the Accountable Care Act: Where are we now?
  Leading experts from government and academic medicine will present a dynamic panel on the numerous workforce provisions in The Affordable Care Act (ACA), and describe current implementation activities and the possible future of provisions that have yet to receive appropriations.
- Plenary II: Real World Perspectives on Health Workforce Needs
  This session explores three unique “real world” perspectives on health care delivery and the implications for the health workforce.
- Eleven different research panels to choose from including: Demand, Longitudinal Studies, Graduate Medical Education (GME), Distribution, Physician Response to Economic Incentives, Implications of Health Care Reform, Rural/Underserved, Substitution, Supply Effects
- Poster session featuring over 40 unique research projects

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* Creating Space for Arts and Humanities in the Education of Health Professionals: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? A Canadian Perspective
7 May, 2011 Toronto, ON

Across North America, Europe, and elsewhere, health professional faculties have introduced opportunities for developing reflective capacity and narrative competence, and have also
incorporated the arts and humanities to help shape the learning experiences and creative expression of future healers. This first annual Canadian conference on medical and health humanities is designed to take the pulse of our shared work and to bring together colleagues from multiple disciplines - the arts, social sciences and humanities, located in various settings (clinical, academic, artistic, etc.) - in order to share ideas, teaching/learning/evaluative strategies, and inquiry approaches - to further shape health professional education and healthcare in this country.

We are pleased to be linked with both the 2011 Canadian Conference on Medical Education (CCME) conference being held in Toronto, and the Wilson Centre-sponsored symposium “Social Science Perspectives on Health Professions Education” which is being held on Friday, May 6th at the University Health Network (Toronto General Hospital).

Contact wsmid@mtsinai.on.ca for information on how to register by fax/mail. Registration can be found at http://tinyurl.com/CreatingSpaces
For travel and accommodation information, please go the CCME conference website at www.mededconference.ca

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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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* Canadian Society of Physician Executives and the Canadian Medical Association – Canadian Conference on Physician Leadership: Effecting change through influence 13 – 14 May Vancouver, BC Pre-conference workshops: 11 – 12 May

Effecting change through influence, not authority, is an important skill for physician leaders as they work with colleagues and other health care leaders to achieve behavioural and system change. Click here for more information.

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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

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

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

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 -1 4 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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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 in 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 Inspirations, 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.

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* Wessex Institute of Technology -- Environmental Health Risk 2011
6th International conference on the Impact of Environmental Factors on Health
25 – 27 July  Riga, Latvia

Health problems related to the environment have become a major source of concern all over the world. The interaction between environmental risk and health is often complex and can involve a variety of social, occupational and lifestyle factors. This emphasises the importance of considering an interdisciplinary approach. The conference aims to provide a forum for the dissemination and exchange of information on the diverse aspects of the impact of environmental factors on health across different disciplines. Visit the website for more information.

SEPTEMBER 2011

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

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

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.

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*19th Cochrane Colloquium – Scientific evidence for healthcare quality and safety
19 – 22 October, 2011  Madrid, SPAIN

The Call for Abstracts is now open
Deadline: Friday, 29 April, 2011

The theme of the 19th Cochrane Colloquium is 'Scientific evidence for healthcare quality and patient safety'. This provides a good opportunity to celebrate the Colloquium in conjunction with the VI International Conference on Patient Safety, organised by the National Agency for Health Care Quality at the Spanish Ministry of Health. We think it is time for the Collaboration to reflect on and analyse its possible contributions to the improvement of the quality of care and safety of patients. These are now very real priorities for the World Health Organization, governments, healthcare institutions and professionals all over the world. In addition to the issues more directly related to health quality and patient safety, there will be many opportunities to learn together and to discuss a large variety of methodological issues and topics of great interest, directed to the usual participants as well as to newcomers. Registration is now open.

NOVEMBER 2011

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

FMF CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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.

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**RESEARCH DAY**  
Wednesday, November 2, 2011 (Pre-conference day)

**RESEARCH DAY CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**Research Day – Freestanding Papers:** Abstracts are due on Sunday, May 15, 2011. [Click here](#) for Submission Instructions for Freestanding Papers.

**Research Day – Posters:** Abstracts are due on Sunday, May 15, 2011. [Click here](#) for Submission Instructions for Posters.

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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](#).

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* **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.

**FEBRUARY 2012**

* American Association for the Advancement of Science – 2012 Annual Meeting: Flattening the World: Building the 21st Century Global Knowledge Society
16 – 20 February, 2012  Vancouver, BC

**Call for symposium proposals is now open.**
Deadline: 26 April, 2011

The Vancouver meeting presents an exceptional opportunity for the Canadian research community to meet across all disciplines, showcase Canada’s research and innovation, and place the themes and issues that resonate strongly in this country on the agenda. The theme chosen for the 2012 meeting, “Flattening the World: Building the 21st Century Global Knowledge Society,” reflects the AAAS’s desire to reach out and engage international dialogue and collaboration for solutions to the global challenges we face.

The AAAS Annual Meeting Scientific Program Committee is particularly interested in proposals that highlight the theme and focus on solutions to global challenges. Proposals that are not directly related to the theme will also be considered if they involve ground-breaking areas of research, new and exciting developments, or cross-cutting activities in support of science, technology and education.

Proposals that include speakers from a broad range of disciplines, institutions and nations, representing the diversity of science and society, are particularly welcomed by the AAAS. Proposals must be submitted on-line.