



Dr. Laurie Gottlieb and Dr. Sandra LeFort  
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### **Publishing in Nursing**

Members of the School of Nursing had the opportunity Nov. 24 to hear first-hand about the *Canadian Journal of Nursing Research*. Editor Dr. Laurie Gottlieb, School of Nursing, McGill University, met with a number of different groups on campus to learn more about health research in the province and to give an open talk on the origins of the *CJNR* and the process of getting research published. Her trip is part of a visit to all university Schools of Nursing in Canada to talk about the journal and to understand the major health and nursing research issues and initiatives in each province.

Since 1993, during her period as editor, the *CJNR* has been overhauled extensively, with senior scholars and guest editors invited to contribute, and a number of issues concentrating on a specific focus, such as nursing care effectiveness. That particular focus issue, published in September, 2003, saw Memorial's own Dr. Sandra LeFort as guest editor and contributor.

Dr. Gottlieb said the *CJNR* focuses on original research and provides a forum for the publication of research and scholarly articles relevant to nursing and to health. It has been published at McGill University since 1969 and was the first peer-reviewed Canadian nursing research journal. Four issues are published per year, with nine to 10 manuscripts per issue.

“Our goal is to be the premier journal in Canadian nursing research,” said Dr. Gottlieb. “This year we have three new editors-at-large, from the U.S.A., UK and Australia.” For researchers interested in publishing in the *CJNR*, Dr. Gottlieb advised that only unpublished manuscripts are accepted and they are submitted to blind review. If published, copyright is retained by *CJNR*. She said that writers should ask themselves if the manuscript is relevant to nursing and health, will it advance nursing research, and if the article is appropriate to the journal.