

APPLIED HEALTH

# RESEARCH NEWS

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#### NLCAHR AWARDS: 2012 GRANT RECIPIENTS

NLCAHR is pleased to announce the recipients of our Annual Project Grants and Development Grants for 2012. Congratulations to the following researchers and thanks to all who applied. We also acknowledge the important contribution of our Peer Review Committee whose thoughtful review of all applications is critical to the continued success of our funding programs.

#### **Development Grants**

#### Dr. Rick Audas (Community Health)

The rule of rescue and the identifiable victim effect: a mixed methods study in Newfoundland | \$10,000

#### Dr. Lisa Bishop (Pharmacy)

Exploring the expansion of community mental health and addictions services to support youth and young adults | \$9997.33

#### **Project Grants**

#### Dr. Leigh Anne Newhook, (Medicine)

Exploring the reasons why birth by C-section is a risk factor for Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus in Newfoundland and Labrador | \$30,000

#### Dr. Atanu Sarkar (Community Health)

Radiation exposure in Makkovik, Labrador and Environmental Health Risk - Part 1: Measurement Radio Nuclides in the Environment and Local Food Sources. Part 2: Assessment of Population Perspectives and Needs | \$30,000





#### FUNDING FOR RESEARCH TO PROMOTE HEALTHY AGING

The Newfoundland and Labrador Healthy Aging Research Program (NL-HARP) is funded by the Department of Health and Community Services, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and administered by the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research. NL-HARP provides up to \$200,000 per year in student awards, faculty awards, and research grants to support research on issues of relevance to the Provincial Healthy Aging Policy Framework. The following funding opportunities are available in 2012-2013 under NL-HARP:

#### **Faculty Awards and Research Grants**

- CIHR-NLCAHR Research Synthesis Grants of up to \$15,000
- Data Inventory Report Grants of up to \$15,000
- Project Grants of up to \$40,000
- Seed Grants of up to \$20,000
- Faculty Retraining Awards of up to \$20,000
- Faculty Course Buyout Grants of up to \$5,000 per course

#### **Fellowships and Student Awards**

- Master's Research Grants of up to \$5,000
- Doctoral Research Grants of up to \$10,000
- Doctoral Dissertation Awards of up to \$30,000 per year
- Post-Doctoral Fellowships of up to \$50,000 per year

Applicants for Doctoral Research Grants and Post-Doctoral Fellowships may also be eligible for the <u>CIHR-Institutes of Aging Newfoundland and Labrador Gold Prize for Research on Aging.</u>

The deadline for applications is November 2, 2012.

Link to: Awards Guide | For information, contact: Tyrone White

### **Four New CHRSP Reports**

The Centre is pleased to announce the dissemination of four reports in Fall 2012 under our Contextualized Health Research Synthesis Program. Our report on **Hyperbaric Oxygen**Therapy for Difficult Wound Healing will be released at a dissemination event to be held at NLCAHR at 10:00am on October 16, 2012. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Rochelle Baker at NLCAHR. Details

Our CHRSP report on **Age-friendly Acute Care** will also be released later this month. This report examines what programs and/or services are associated with improved outcomes for seniors admitted as inpatients to acute care hospitals in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Another report being released in September assesses the current evidence base about the effectiveness of interprofessional teams for **Chronic Disease Management**.

In addition, our report on Telehealth for Special-Patient Consultations in Cardiology and Dermatology will be released next month.

Learn more about these reports and the CHRSP process at <a href="https://www.nlcahr.mun.ca/chrsp">www.nlcahr.mun.ca/chrsp</a>



Rapid Evidence Reports are a new product currently being developed at NLCAHR in an effort to support evidence-based decision making in the Newfoundland and Labrador healthcare system on an expedited basis, as compared to the reports that we provide in our regular Contextualized Health Research Synthesis Program. Through these reports, NLCAHR will provide a brief synthesis of the best available research evidence on a high-priority research topic selected by decision makers in the province. Rapid Evidence Reports are intended to provide decision makers with a solid view of the scope and nature of the scientific literature on the topic in question, an initial assessment of the strengths and gaps in this literature, and a review of the key points of agreement and disagreement among researchers. Our researchers have just completed a pilot project under this new program, and a second Rapid Evidence Report is currently underway. Our intention, in consultation with our health system partners, is to provide the option for decision makers to choose either a Rapid Evidence Report or a full CHRSP report during the CHRSP topic selection process scheduled for this fall.



## **Don't Panic:**

Measured Responses to the 'Obesity Epidemic' in Newfoundland and Labrador

PLEASE JOIN US!

**OCTOBER 9 2012** 

7:30pm ROOM IIC-2001 MAIN AUDITORIUM BRUNEAU CENTRE MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY The Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research and our Research Exchange Group on Eating Disorders, Disordered Eating, and Body Image are pleased to welcome a leading Canadian expert in dietetics theory, education and practice, **Dr. Jacqui Gingras**, of Ryerson University's School of Nutrition.

Please join this very special guest speaker as she shares her research in the field of critical obesity studies, exploring the complexities that underlie our current 'obesity panic' while encouraging health professionals, dietitians and policy makers to adopt more critical perspectives about food, weight and health.



Dr. Jacqui Gingras



#### **EVENTS ROUND-UP**

#### Aging Research in Newfoundland and Labrador: **Achievements and Prospects**

- **Theme:** This conference will showcase research of relevance to aging in Newfoundland and Labrador
- Date: September 24-25, 2012
- Location: Pepsi Centre, Corner Brook, NL
- Details

#### **Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information (NLCHI)** eHealth Conference 2012

- **Theme:** Improvements in the collection and use of health information, numerous challenges and lessons learned on the eHealth journey, the value of eHealth in our province.
- Location: Sheraton Hotel, St. John's, NL
- Date: September 27-28, 2012
- **Details**

#### The Canadian Association on Gerontology: 41st Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting

Theme: Aging in a Changing World

Date: October 18-20, 2012 Location: Vancouver, BC

**Details** 

#### Rural and Remote Health Research: **Creative Approaches**

- **Theme:** How can rural researchers and decision makers work together to develop policy-relevant research and create evidence-informed rural health policies?
- Date: October 25-27, 2012
- Location: Levis, QC
- Details

#### The Primary Healthcare Partnership Forum (PriFor 2012)

- Theme: Bridging the Gap from Knowledge to Practice
- Date: November 26 & 27, 2012
- Location: Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland
- **Details**

For more information about forthcoming conferences and events, please visit our website.

#### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

#### **NL-HARP: The NL Healthy Aging** Research Program

Objectives: to support research on aging

and seniors in NL.

Funding: \$200,000 total funding for fellowships, student awards, faculty awards and research grants. Deadline: November 2, 2012

**Details** 

#### CIHR Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI) Grants

Objectives: supporting researchers and decision makers in conducting applied health services and policy research that will be useful to health system managers Funding: \$3.6 million in total to support any projects that meet overarching PHSI objectives. \$400,000 to fund applications under the Evidence Informed Healthcare Renewal Initiative; \$600,000 to fund applications under the Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health; \$1.8M to fund Institute of Health Services and Policy Research; \$300,000 to fund applications relevant to the Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes; \$6M through CIHR Strategic Patient Oriented Research/ Rx&D Health Research Foundation to fund applications with a patient-oriented focus that are relevant to "Fostering Innovation in Health Care."

Deadline: November 1, 2012

**Details** 

#### CIHR Community-Based Primary **Healthcare Team Grants**

Objectives: to develop and compare innovative models for Community-Based Primary Healthcare (CBPHC) that target the prevention and management of chronic disease; reduction of access inequities and health outcomes for vulnerable populations; and/or optimization of outcomes in CBPHC in specific subpopulations or with specific interventions identified by funding partners for this opportunity.

Funding: Up to \$31,665,000 over five

Deadline: October 15 2012

**Details** 

See details about these and other funding opportunities on our website.



#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

Eating Disorders, Disordered Eating, and Body Image

September 14, 2012 at 3:00pm NLCAHR Boardroom

RSVP: Rochelle.baker@med.mun.ca

#### **Autism**

September 21, 2012 at 10:30am

Elaine Dobbin Centre

RSVP: achafe@autism.nf.net

#### **Aging**

The regular September meeting for our Aging REG has been cancelled as the result of the <u>Conference on Aging Research</u> taking place in Corner Brook September 24-25, 2012.

#### **New Groups**

We are initiating a new Research Exchange Group on **Mental Health** which will be convened by Dr. Shelly Birnie-Lefcovitch. We are currently inviting people with an interest in mental health research to join this group. Click to join or to learn more.

In winter 2013, we will be launching a new group on **Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice.** This group will bring together educators, researchers, practitioners and policy makers to discuss projects intended to enhance the opportunities for health and social professional students to learn about, with, and from one another and to improve collaborative practice. Click to join or to learn more.

We are currently ascertaining interest for a new Research Exchange Group on **Chronic Disease.** If you are interested, Click to join or to learn more.

If you wish to join a new or existing Research Exchange Group, please email Rochelle Baker: <u>Rochelle.baker@med.mun.ca</u> or phone 709-777-8990.

## Staffing Changes at NLCAHR

Janice Butler, Research Officer and Program Coordinator of our Contextualized Health Research Synthesis Program (CHRSP) has resigned from her position with NLCAHR effective September, 2012. On behalf of all of us at the Centre, thank you, Janice, for your many years of dedicated service to the Centre and your valuable guidance in the development of CHRSP, our flagship program. We wish you the very best in future.



The Centre is very pleased to welcome two new Research Assistants under our Contextualized Health Research Synthesis Program. **Stephanie O'Brien** joined us in April and has been assisting with our forthcoming CHRSP report on Community-based Service Models for Seniors. **Sarah Mackey** began working at NLCAHR in June and has contributed to both our Age-friendly Acute Care report and a recent pilot Rapid Evidence Report.



Finally, we extend a warm welcome to our new IT Consultant, **Rob French**, who joined us in April of this year and has been kept very busy providing all of us at the Centre with valuable technical assistance.

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