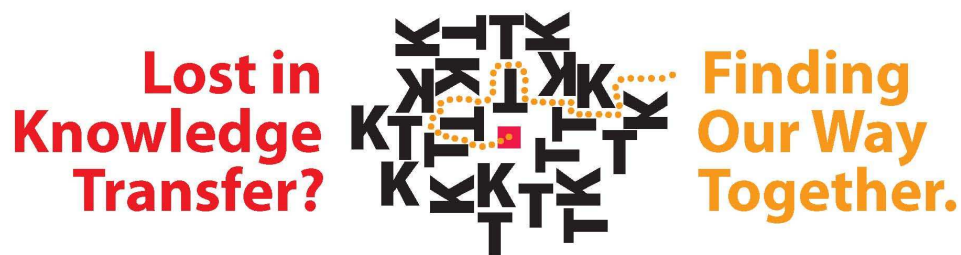


News you can use

Fall 2008

There's still time to register for RTNA 08!



The 2008 RTNA conference, **Lost in Knowledge Transfer? Finding Our Way Together**, is being held **September 28 – 30, 2008 at the Rimrock Hotel in Banff**, Alberta. The program is focused on the practical - tools, techniques and processes that will help you to practice KT, or practice it better, in your work and in your organization. Sessions and speakers you won't want to miss:

- Elliott Churchill, formerly with the CDC in Atlanta will talk about KT when there are no tech supports, when the culture, language and lived experience of the audience are different from ours.
- On the other end of the continuum, Wayne MacPhail will lead us through the latest social media tools like Twitter, Web 2.0, Second Life, podcasting and the like, that can support knowledge management and knowledge exchange.
- Other sessions will explore the power of narrative, creating and sustaining a KT organization, and KT in communities of practice and interdisciplinary teams.
- Concurrent sessions will profile a wide variety of projects and KT research happening across the country.

We are also offering several pre-conference workshops (Orientation to Knowledge Translation, Assessing the Quality of Research, and Facilitation for KT), lots of networking opportunities and much more. See the conference Web site for more information and updates. **Early Bird deadline is September 5, 2008** <http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/rtna/conference/>

Water Coolers start Oct 8

How can you use research evidence in your work if you don't know where to find research evidence or understand it once you do? A project developed by the David Thompson Health Region, Red Deer College and SEARCH Custom has helped respiratory therapists in the region to develop their skills in

finding and using evidence. On October 8, through videoconference, Carolyn Trumper and Scott Oddie will talk about how the e-literacy program was developed and results to date.

Check the RTNA web site or contact Vanessa for more information at 780-423-5727 or Vanessa.taranto@ahfmr.ca

Previous Water Coolers are available to view on the RTNA Web site.

Call for Abstracts

7th Annual Canadian Cochrane Symposium

Abstracts and workshop proposals are invited for the 7th Annual Canadian Cochrane Symposium, being held in Halifax, Nova Scotia on March 11 and 12, 2009. The theme of the 2009 Symposium is - Wave to the Future: Navigating the Health Connection among Systematic Reviews, Policies and Practices. All submissions relating to the Symposium's theme will be considered. Presentations from all interested parties are welcome (students, consumers, practitioners, policy makers, review authors and researchers).

Please note that those whose abstracts are accepted are required to register and pay for the conference. There is no financial assistance available for registration, travel or any other costs associated with attending or presenting.

Abstracts and workshop proposals are accepted in either English or French. Abstracts and proposals must be submitted no later than 12:00 a.m. Atlantic Time October 15, 2008. For more information, please visit www.wavetothefuture.ca.

New KT research grant supports addictions treatment in primary care

The Research Transfer Network of Alberta and the Alberta Family Practice Research Network are pleased to announce the availability of a one-time grant funding opportunity. The objective of the award is to support research and research transfer in **primary care** to improve the knowledge, expertise, and impact of primary care in dealing with patients and or community-presented issues in **substance abuse or gambling problems**.

This is a peer reviewed, competitive award. The deadline for applications is September 30, 2008. Please read the RFP carefully before preparing an application.

The source funding for this grant is made possible through the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and is administered through the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research. <http://www.ahfmr.ab.ca/rtna/grant.php>

PHSI Partnership Development Funds

[CIHR's Partnerships for Health System Improvement \(PHSI\) program](#) has been revitalized, strengthened and improved. The next two launches of the PHSI competition are planned for December 2008 and June 2009. Recognizing the effort, time and expense involved in building meaningful partnerships between researchers and decision makers, CIHR is now offering new PHSI [Partnership Development Funds](#)

through the Meetings, Planning and Dissemination (MPD) grant available three times per year in June, December and April. Applicants successful in the June 2008 round of [Partnership Development Funds](#) (note upcoming application deadline: **1 October 2008**) will receive funds in time to prepare a full-scale PHSI application for the December 2008 call for applications (note upcoming application deadline: April 2009).

CIHR encourages decision makers and researchers with health systems, services and policy questions that are interested in working together to find applied and policy-relevant solutions to take advantage of this new funding opportunity and [apply now!](#)

New and Revised Seed Fund Opportunities from SEARCH Canada

SEARCH Canada makes seed funding available to support Alberta health professionals in their efforts to bring evidence closer to practice. Seed funding is provided under three categories of activity:

Projects

- To facilitate completion and reporting of applied research and evaluation projects by participants of SEARCH programs (including Classic local and provincial projects and Custom projects).

Communities of Practice (CoPs)

- To support ongoing network activity and collaboration within and beyond participants of SEARCH programs (both Classic and Custom). Communities of practice are “groups of people who share a concern, a set of problems, or a passion about a topic, and who deepen their understanding and knowledge of this area by interacting.”

Knowledge Sharing Events

- To support local, in-person events that profile local applied research and evaluation projects and/or communities of practice, build local capacity for evidence informed practice, and facilitate networking.

Seed Funding Guidelines, which include details on funding amounts and timelines, and area-specific application forms, are available at <http://www.searchca.net/users/folder.asp?FolderID=3041> (click on “Applications/Forms” on the left menu to access seed funding documents). For further information, contact: SEARCH Canada.

Public health resource updated

www.health-evidence.ca is a free, searchable online registry published research evidence that evaluates public health interventions. Many Cochrane reviews are cited in this resource. Launched in 2005, the registry now features enhanced capabilities and additional information on each article.