



Make Your Plans to Attend NAPCRG's Annual Meeting

NAPCRG's Annual Meeting, November 13-17, 2010, will once again offer stellar speakers, interesting sessions, opportunities to network with colleagues, and time to explore all that Seattle has to offer.

Programming will include preconference workshops, new member orientation, thought-provoking plenary speakers ([June 2010 newsletter](#)), distinguished paper presentations, poster sessions, meetings

of committees and special interest groups, among other sessions. New this year will be a session on research advocacy and a panel discussion on primary care/health policy from the perspective of

several countries ([July 2010 newsletter](#)).

Registration for the annual meeting is now open online at www.napcr.org.

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The majestic Mount Rainier watches over pleasure boats on Puget Sound.
Photo by Tim Thompson

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A Member Shares Thoughts About Seattle



William Phillips, MD, MPH
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NAPCRG Member Bill Phillips shares some of his thoughts with you on Seattle.

Water. Fresh to the East, salt to the West and gentle that droppeth from heaven.

Mountains. Cascades to the East, Olympics to the West and Mighty Mt. Rainier to the South.

People. Polite and warm, but not too much; sort of like greeters at a Lutheran Church.

Call for Senior Investigators to Submit Abstracts of Proposed Research Studies

Senior Investigator Learning Community Workshop at the 2010 NAPCRG Annual Meeting

Background: At the 2009 NAPCRG Annual Meeting in Montreal, we held the first Senior Investigator Learning Community (SILC) Workshop. The concept of a learning community for senior investigators relies upon the provision of a prearranged cadre of senior investigators prepared to freely comment on a series of study methodologies still in the planning stages. The SILC was developed to facilitate senior investigator participation in the Annual Meeting. The SILC responded to the Membership Survey, in which senior investigators indicated that their area of greatest need was opportunities to discuss new ideas, network with other established researchers, and develop advanced

research skills. Intentionally bringing together senior researchers into a learning community we hoped would not only serve to meet these needs, but to encourage senior researchers who are not current NAPCRG members to begin to participate in the organization. At the 2009 meeting, three senior investigators were selected to present their proposed research studies. The panel of five facilitators provided their prepared comments and suggestions which stimulated lively discussion among the attendees of senior investigators. The SILC was successful in meeting its objectives of providing a learning environment where senior investigators can discuss proposed research studies

and obtain feedback from other senior investigators. The great enthusiasm for the SILC resulted in the Program Committee's decision to include the SILC as a part of this year's NAPCRG meeting.

Invitation: All senior investigators attending the 2010 Annual Meeting are encouraged to participate in the Senior Investigator Learning Community (SILC) Workshop at the Annual Meeting.

The SILC workshop will consist of three presentations made by three senior investigators, each concerning a proposed research study. Each senior investigator will present his/her proposed research, describing the study aims, rationale, and proposed methodology (10 minutes). A panel of senior investigator facilitators will provide their prepared comments and suggestions (10 minutes). Finally, the entire group of senior investigators will have the opportunity to discuss

the proposed methods as well as the facilitators' comments (10 minutes).

We encourage senior investigators to submit a 1-page description of a proposed research study, to include:

A brief concept piece of the study (study aims, rationale, proposed methods)

1-3 Bullets describing the feedback that you would like to obtain from the NAPCRG senior investigator learning community

Send your one-page Proposed Research Study Description, by September 15, to Lillian Gelberg at lgelberg@mednet.ucla.edu.

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Health Care Reform Implementation Moving Forward

It's been a very busy time since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was signed into law. Much of the action has been on the administrative front. In other areas, especially relating to Congressional appropriations funding, activity is lagging behind.

New Advisory Panels

Established: Two major advisory panels of interest to academic medicine were accepting nominations by June 30th. NAPCRG, in concert with the other CAFM organizations nominated individuals for the National Workforce Commission and the Patient-Centered Outcome Effectiveness Research Institute (PCORI.)

The PCORI is established to help advance the quality and relevance of evidence-based research in helping to treat patients. According to its statutory authority, the Institute will identify research priorities, establish a research project agenda, and assist in carrying out that agenda. The Institute can contract with agencies or private sector entities to assist with this research. Duties of the Institute will include: establishing an objective research agenda; developing research methodological standards; contract with eligible entities to conduct the research; ensuring transparency by requesting public input; and disseminating the results to patients and health care providers.

Based on a very labor-intensive, but objective, system for evaluating

candidates for nomination, CAFM nominated the following individuals:

National Workforce Commission:

Kevin Grumbach, MD, Bob Phillips, MD, MSPH, Mark Doescher, MD, MSPH, and Russell Robertson, MD.

PCORI: Al Berg, MD, MPH and Barbara Starfield, MD, MSPH.

Program Implementation/ Appropriations Needed:

It is going to be extremely difficult to find funding this year for several of the new programs that were included in health care reform.

Of particular interest to NAPCRG, the new Primary Care Extension Service, which falls under AHRQ's jurisdiction, is at risk. The reason – Congress is not moving forward with many of its appropriations, or funding, bills. This includes the Labor/HHS bill that would fund health-related discretionary programs. If no bill is passed, Congress would have to fund current programs through a continuing resolution. A bill of this type normally would extend previously funded programs, but not new programs. In addition to the Primary Care Extension

program, other programs that we have advocated for which are at risk are the National Workforce Commission and associated centers, the Teaching Health Center development grants and the Rural Physician Training Grants. Of note, PCORI is funded out of the new Prevention and Public Health Trust Fund, so it does not face the same appropriations challenges as the other programs mentioned here.

—Hope Wittenberg, MA,
Director, Government
Relations, Council of
Academic Family Medicine

NAPCRG Member Accomplishment



Walter Rosser, MD, CCFP, FCFP, MRCGP, former head of the Department of Family Medicine at Queen's University, was appointed by Governor General Michaëlle Jean to the Order of Canada. He was cited for his leadership in the discipline of family medicine and primary care research, and for his contributions to the establishment of practice-based research networks in Canada.

In 1994, Dr Rosser helped with the idea of creating family health teams, which now serve two million patients. He also helped establish practice-based research networks across Canada. He is now semi-retired.

Dr Rosser said he was honoured to be named a member of the Order of Canada. "I don't think there is a higher award you can get in the country," he said.

Established in 1967, the Order of Canada recognizes Canadians for outstanding lifetime achievements. New appointments are made twice yearly with award ceremonies taking place three times a year. Over the last 40 years, more than 5,000 people have been invested into the order.

In the words of Glenn Brown, BSc, MD, CCFP (EM), FCFP, MPH, current Head of the Department of Family Medicine at Queen's University, "We already know about what a special person Dr. Rosser is and how over his career he has made such a tremendous contribution to our discipline and to medical care in Canada and around the world. The Order of Canada is appropriate for him in that it was established in 1967 to recognize outstanding achievement and service in various fields of human endeavour; it is our country's highest civilian honour for lifetime achievement."

Ca-PRI: the Cancer and Primary Care Research International Network

Ca-PRI was established in 2007, as a network dedicated to fostering international cancer research in primary care. The network arose from a growing recognition that there are a number of individuals and academic groups around the world undertaking high quality research in primary care and cancer: this research has, however, been largely uncoordinated and there has been little track record of international collaborative studies.

The aim of the Ca-PRI Network is therefore to provide a mechanism by which researchers from different countries in this field can come together and share expertise and, ideally, develop new international collaborative proposals. In particular we consider that

- primary care and cancer research could benefit from access to larger and more diverse patient populations - studies in this field have typically been based on relatively small numbers and international collaboration is one mechanism through which more substantive studies might be developed
- there is much to be gained from comparing health data in areas such as early diagnosis, screening and survivorship from different countries
- differences in diagnostic intervals,

survival, screening rates etc provide important clues in elucidating the most effective roles for primary care in cancer control.

Ca-PRI activities: The Ca-PRI Network holds an annual scientific meeting. We have now had three successful meetings: in Edinburgh in 2008, Copenhagen in 2009, and Toronto in 2010, (see following section on Summary of the Ca-PRI Toronto 2010 meeting.) These meetings have provided an important mechanism for researchers in the network to share ideas, develop research themes and advance new proposals for research funding. Arrangements for the 2011 scientific meeting in Noordwijkerhout the Netherlands from 25th – 27th May are progressing well: please go to the web site, www.ca-pri.com for further details. Abstract submission and registration will be provided online in the coming months. We plan to hold the 2012 meeting in the USA.

In addition to our scientific meeting, the Web site provides an important forum for networking, sharing ideas and seeking information from colleagues throughout the year; we also have a presence on Facebook.

International leadership: Ca-PRI is managed by an Executive Group with current membership drawn from the UK, the USA (including representation from NAPCRG and the NCI), Canada, Australia

and a number of European countries. Ca-PRI is open to all new members and no membership fees are charged.

Collaboration with NAPCRG: Ca-PRI is forging strategic links with a number of worldwide organizations with an interest in primary care and/or cancer. Crucially this includes NAPCRG as the premier organization for primary care researchers in North America. A Special Interest Group (SIG) in cancer was established in NAPCRG in 2003; membership overlaps significantly with that of the Ca-PRI network, and NAPCRG researchers have been founders of and active participants in the Ca-PRI network. In addition to having an important presence for the cancer research community at NAPCRG

annual conferences, the NAPCRG SIG Cancer objectives include working on common issues such as accessing administrative data bases nationally and internationally, and to develop international networks examining cancer in primary care. NAPCRG is partnering with Ca-PRI in a joint funding bid to support future Ca-PRI meetings and in particular to provide scholarships to junior NAPCRG researchers and colleagues from South and Central America.

Summary of the Ca-PRI Toronto 2010 meeting: The 2010 Ca-PRI Network annual scientific meeting was held in Toronto, Canada on May 13 and 14. These meetings give the Ca-PRI membership an opportunity to share ideas, develop research

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Results of Research Ethics Quiz

You want to conduct a study on elders with dementia. Would you use the following as proxies for consent? (circle the best answer)

A. Spouse	93%
B. Sibling	61%
C. Adult Child	80%
D. Elder's caretaker	41%
E. Friend	15%
F. Elder's physician	20%

** From opinion survey of NAPCRG members (41 respondents) conducted at the 2009 NAPCRG Annual Meeting.*

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themes and advance new proposals for research funding. The main strategy to achieve these objectives was to focus on small group work throughout the two days. Each day started with a keynote speaker that provided insight on broader research considerations. However, breakout group discussions were predominant throughout the remainder of the agenda. There were also brief oral presentations from members regarding their local research projects and a poster session and group dinner for more informal networking.

The 2010 Ca-PRI meeting was considered a great success by both attendees and the executive team. Participants commented positively on their ability to make significant advancements in the development of protocols in each of their areas: time to diagnosis,

screening, follow-up and survivorship, and clinical communication. They also remarked on the importance of having regular opportunities to deepen their relationship with international colleagues to help grow and promote primary care and cancer initiatives. This is a relatively neglected sector particularly in North America, which highlights an even greater value for events such as these to take place in Canada and the U.S. to support local researchers that are engaged in this work as well as to motivate more participation from North America.

— *Christine Campbell, MSc, PhD, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Population Health Sciences, University of Edinburgh and colead of the Scottish School of Primary Care Cancer Programme*

Student/Resident/Fellows Works in Progress Call for Papers

The Student/Resident/Fellows Works in Progress Call for Papers is now open online at

<http://www.napcrg.org/napcrgpresenter/submission/start.cfm?confid=136>

Deadline for submission is August 25, 2010.

Future NAPCRG Annual Meetings

39th NAPCRG Annual Meeting

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Fairmont Banff Springs
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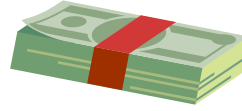
December 8-12, 2012
Sheraton New Orleans
New Orleans, Louisiana

New PCMH Web Site Launched

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has launched a new Web site to provide policymakers and researchers with access to evidence-based resources about the medical home and its potential to transform primary care and improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of US health care.

<http://www.pcmh.ahrq.gov>

Show Me the Money: Funding Opportunities for Researchers



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Invites Applications for Health and Society Scholars Program

Postdoctoral scholars at all stages of their careers will receive a two-year stipend of \$89,000 per year to support research on the connections among biological, genetic, behavioral, environmental, economic, and social determinants of health and develop, evaluate, and disseminate knowledge, interventions, and policies that integrate and act on these determinants to improve health. Application deadline is October 1, 2010. See this Web site for further information and application:

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21001>

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Calls for Applications for Scholars in Health Policy Research

Two-year fellowships at nationally prominent universities will be awarded to recent doctoral graduates who have the potential to make important research contributions to future US health policy. The application deadline is October 13, 2010. See this Web site for further information and application:

<http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21141>

Collaborative Health Research

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Natural Sciences Engineering Research Council are offering support for focused collaborative research projects involving any field of the natural sciences or engineering and the health sciences. Funding objectives are to translate research results to end users and stakeholders; encourage the NSERC and CIHR communities to collaborate and integrate their expertise in their novel research activities; advance interdisciplinary research leading to knowledge and technologies useful for improving the health of Canadians; and train highly qualified personnel in collaborative and interdisciplinary research of relevance to health. The application deadline is October 1, 2010. See this web site for further information and application:

<http://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vw0pprntnyDtIs.do?prog=968&&view=currentOpps&org=CIHR&type=AND&resultCount=25&sort=program&all=1&masterList=true>

New York Stem Cell Foundation Launches Innovator Awards Program for Early Career Investigators

The New York Stem Cell Foundation, which has supported more than twenty-three outstanding young stem cell scientists through its postdoctoral fellowship program, has announced a significant expansion of its efforts to cultivate the next generation of stem cell scientists. To be eligible, candidates must have an MD, PhD, or an equivalent degree; have completed postdoctoral training; have demonstrated the ability to independently supervise staff and research; and have shown true innovation for translation of basic science to a clinical setting. International investigators may apply, but research must be conducted in the United States. The application deadline is August 27, 2010. See this Web site for additional information and application:

http://www.nyscf.org/images/pdf/nyscf_innovator_rfa_2010.pdf

ASCO Cancer Foundation and Komen for the Cure Accepting Letters of Intent for Improving Cancer Care Grant Program

The ASCO Cancer Foundation, in collaboration with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, will provide extramural research funding to address important issues regarding access to healthcare, quality of care, and delivery of care, with general applicability to breast cancer. One grant of \$1.35 million will be awarded to multidisciplinary teams. Letters of intent are due September 1, 2010 and full applications, December 21, 2010. Visit the Web site below for further information and the application guidelines.

<http://www.ascocancerfoundation.org>